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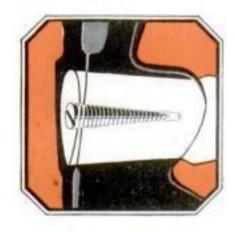
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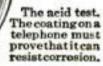
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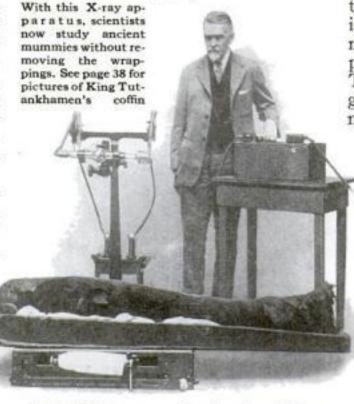
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Don't Miss These Features

VERY man who is at all inter-, ested in a home of his own and who is not?-will find an immense amount of useful information on the subjects of home building and home keeping in our interesting articles by John R. McMahon. Each month this noted expert discusses in detail some vital problem of home ownership, giving valuable suggestions from his long experience. On page 28 of this issue he tells how to build a new home out of an old one. Next month he will explain the mysteries of architects' blueprints in such a way that you will be surprised how easy it is to read and understand them.

ND don't forget, there's an-A other absorbing \$1,000 Picture Contest this month. Next month there will be still another one. In this unusual series of contests you have just as good a chance as anyone to win one of the big cash prizes—and you are sure of a lot of entertainment to

boot. Turn to page 14 of this issue and see how wide-awake you are.



F THE many fascinating "How to make it yourself" articles which appear from month to month in our Home Workshop Department, few have made our fingers so "itch to get at it" as Captain McCann's detailed description, beginning in this issue, of how to build the beautiful model of an old-time Spanish galleon, pictured on the cover of this issue. The constructional details which begin on page 71 will be concluded next month.

> NE of the finest works of handicraft to be found anywhere in the world has just come to light. It is the marvelous goldengraved coffin of ancient Egypt's Pharaoh, Tutankhamen. Don't fail to look at the pictures of this magnificent sarcophagus on page 38. As you wonder at its intricate craftsmanship, you will realize how science, delving into forgotten ages, is enriching our knowledge of the world we live in. Every month Popular Science Monthly aims to give you new glimpses of the world's unfolding panorama.

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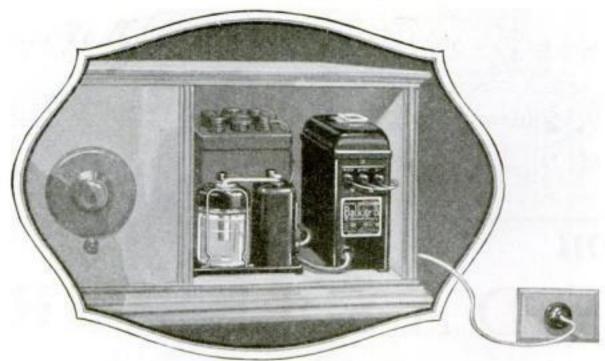
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Balkite "B"—the noiseless "B" power supply—replaces your "B" batteries entirely and supplies plate current from the light socket. The Balkite Trickle Charger keeps your "A" battery always at full charge, also from the light socket. If you like you may also purchase from your dealer an automatic switch that cuts out the charger and turns on Balkite "B" when you turn on the set.

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Making Opportunities
for Popular Science Readers

Do You

NEED A SELF-STARTER?

Success—Do You Know the Way, and How to Get Started?
Here is How Some People Found Out

EVERY MAN wants to be successful; not every man is. Very often, it is the lack of a start that keeps a man back—the knowledge of HOW to get ahead.

We all read stories of how men have succeeded, but many of these discourage rather than help us. It seems as if these men have so much greater ability, so many more opportunities than we have. We don't stop to think of how they improved that ability, and how they

learned to grasp those opportunities. Obstacles are in every man's way—it's the man who learns to step over them that wins.

Your obstacle may be lack of specialized knowledge in your own field of work. Then you will be interested in this very definite letter that tells how one man learned "how." It brought Mrs. A. Lundeen of Forest Lake, Minnesota, the first prize of \$50 in POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY'S contest, last month.

Contest Editor:

Among the numerous graduates of the Coyne Electrical School, I think my friend and relative is the one most satisfied

Here is the reason. Before taking the course he was receiving \$35 a week. Now he is receiving \$700 a month, or an increase of 500 per cent. This raise in salary took place during the last four years and will very likely keep on for some time.

Under those conditions, most anyone would be satisfied.

Mrs. A. Lundeen

Your road to success may be along a different route than this man's, but the Money-Making Opportunities Section of Popular Science Monthly offers suggestions for 83 different ways.

And it is finding the way, and getting started, that counts. Aims and ambitions are fine things to possess; they are as essential to you as the engine is to a car. The thing to be sure of, however, is that your ambitions are not deteriorating into mere wishes (the upholstery of the car, that is comfortable but doesn't get you anywhere).

Here is the story of a man who started his engine and made his car GO!

Contest Editor:

The advertisement of the International Correspondence Schools in the March issue of POPULAR SCIENCE brought to my mind a very good example of how much these schools can do for a man who has not had the advantages of higher education. This man that I write of had not even had a high school

education and he held a position where he really needed more advanced training. Realizing his deficiencies, he enrolled in a course of Business Management and studied diligently.

The results of this course showed almost from the start and it was not long before he began to advance up the ladder. His promotions were rapid until now—only about ten years after his enrollment—he is President and General Manager of that same firm with which he started in a lowly position. He has also held the Mayor's chair in his home city. Surely a wonderful result of their training.

CLARENCE M. MINOTT, Bangor, Maine

President, General Manager, and Mayor—these are surely titles that are in the back of every ambitious mind. This man wasn't content to leave them there, though, but found the road to realization. For the letter describing his ascent was awarded the second prize of \$25.

To help its readers find their "roads," POPULAR SCIENCE has

grouped together all the advertisements that offer suggestions, in a Money-Making Opportunities Section that you will find on pages 116 to 142 of this issue. Advertisements of courses of training, residence schools, technical books, sales agencies, patent attorneys, and advertisements of a similar nature will be found there.

It may be that, a year from now, this section will bring to your mind thoughts similar to Mr. Herdtfelder's. Here is his letter that won him the third prize of \$10 in last month's contest.

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\$100 in Cash Prizes

For the best letter in answer to the questions:

What advertisement in the MONEY-MAKING OPPORTUNITIES SECTION interests you most—and why?

we will pay \$100 in cash prizes. For full details—

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83 Short Cuts to Success

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T'S the special filament of an RCA Radiotron UV-199 (or UX-199) that makes it cost so little to run. This tube draws so little current that for a limited time it can even be operated from flashlight batteries—for your portable sets! It never needs more than inexpensive dry batteries—and it uses them up slowly.

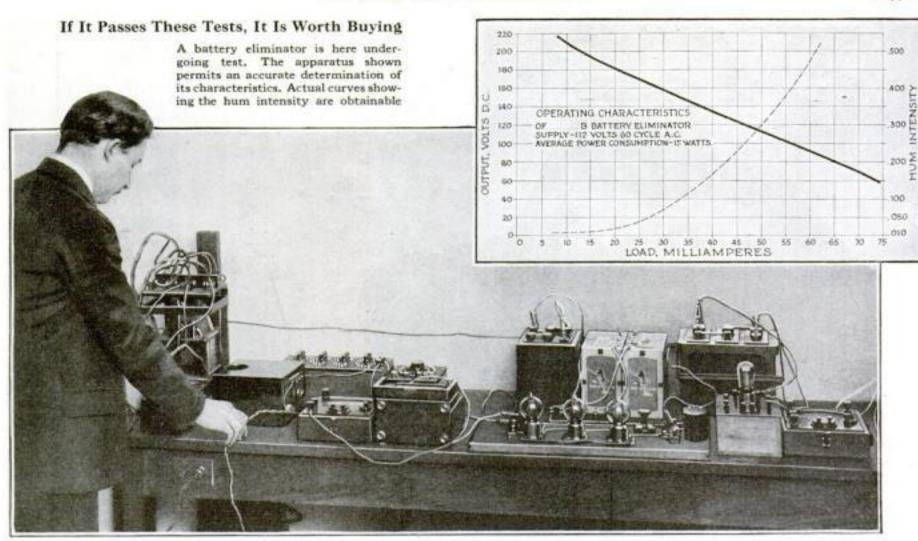
The thoriated filament of this tube is specially treated, so that there is always a layer of thorium a single atom deep on the filament-surface. And electrons leap from the thorium at a stupendous rate—conveying the music and the speech.

Because this type of filament gives off more electrons at less heat—it lasts longer, and it uses less battery current. And because this type of filament was developed in the great research laboratories that contribute to RCA, you will find it in every genuine RCA Radiotron UV-199 and UX-199. Another good reason for being careful to find the RCA mark on the base when you buy!

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Are You Buying

A B-Battery Eliminator?

JUDGING by the hundreds of letters we have received at the Institute on the subject, there is more interest in—and more doubt about—battery eliminators than any other type of radio equipment on the market.

An efficient eliminator is, without question, a worth-while addition to a radio outfit. A poor eliminator will ruin an otherwise satisfactory outfit. And that a large proportion of the eliminators on the market are inferior is proved by the fact that the Popular Science Institute of Standards has had to disapprove after test more products under this classification than any other.

The "hum" and other objectionable features that are found in so many eliminators are not to be found in the eliminators approved by the Institute. Following are the characteristics that a B eliminator must possess to merit the approval of the Institute:

the Institute:

 Sufficient capacity, so that it may maintain its output d. c. voltage at its rated value when used with standard receiving set using five or more tubes.

Reasonably good inherent "voltage regulation" or a manual control of "output voltage," for voltage adjustment.

The rectifying element must give a reasonably long, useful service.

4. The construction must be such as to insure continuous operation with By Alexander Senauke, E. E.

Radio Engineer.

Popular Science Institute of Standards

freedom from breakdown, fire hazard, or electric shock.

The filter effectiveness must be sufficient to make its operation, when

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properly installed, free from disturbing hum or other line noise.

Eliminators that are submitted for test to the Institute are tested by specially devised test methods to check their conformance to these five characteristics.

Characteristic No. 5 is a major prerequisite for all battery eliminators. In testing the "filter effectiveness of B battery eliminators," in the radio laboratory of the Institute, the various conditions of operation are simulated by variable resistors and measuring instruments. For each condition, the "alternating" or "hum producing" component of the output of the eliminator is separated and impressed upon a special, calibrated amplifier and vacuum tube voltmeter device that amplifies this alternating component to an even greater extent than it is normally amplified in a receiving set, and permits of its being measured on an electrical meter. The reading of this meter, therefore, gives a quantitative indication of the amount of "hum" that the eliminator will produce when used to operate a receiver.

Readers who are planning to buy a B eliminator will undoubtedly be interested in the list of approved radio and tool products that can be obtained free of charge by writing the Popular Science Institute, 250 Fourth avenue, New York City.

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Guarantee

The above seal on an advertisement indicates that the products referred to have been approved after test by the Popular Science Institute of Standards.

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THE PUBLISHERS.



Confidence

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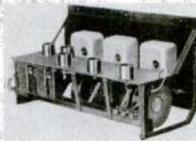
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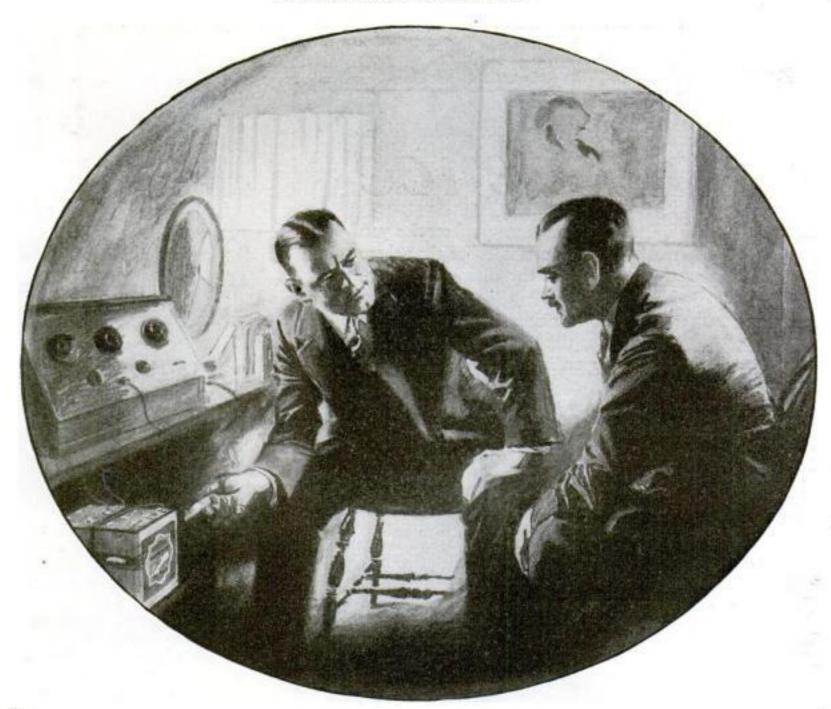
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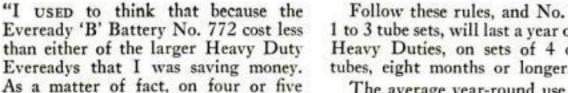
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Radio Built for the Years to Come





"The little wrinkle that makes my 'B' batteries last longer is using the right size Evereadys with a 'C' battery"



"The right size Eveready 'B' Batteries to use depends on the number of tubes in your set. The life of the batteries depends on how much you listen in and on whether a 'C' battery is employed."

tube sets, that was false economy.

To get the maximum of "B" battery life and satisfaction, follow these simple

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woc-Davenport wcco | Minneap KSD-St. Louis



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Our 54TH BIRTHDAY

AN EDITORIAL

OPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY is 54 years old with this issue; not a bad age-for a man or a magazine. And yet at 54, birthdays have a way of following each other so closely that one is apt to slip by unremembered.

So it might have been with us this year, but for Edward S. Pattison, student of engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N. Y. From Mr. Pattison, born thirty-odd years after Popular Science Monthly, came a note of appreciation of the help the pages of this magazine

have given him in selecting his lifework. With the note came a copy of Popular Science Monthly for May, 1872, the first issue ever published. The magazine had been in the family library more than half a century.

Those today who are making POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY had nothing to do with the magazine of 1872. Most of us were yet unborn. But Mr. Pattison's letter, and others like it, prove to us that our trail has been straight; our progress true. In that first issue of ours, Edward Livingston Youmans, the blind genius and founder of POPULAR SCIENCE Monthly, wrote of its purpose:

"Science is not the mystery of a class, but the common interest of rational beings, in whom think-

ing determines action.

"It is this immense extension of the conception of science, in which all the higher subjects of human interest are now included, that gives it an everlasting claim on the attention of the public. Besides its indispensable use in all

avocations, and its constant application in the sphere of daily life, it is also profoundly affecting the whole circle of questions, speculative and practical, which have agitated

of this magazine, a

reproduction of which

is presented above

the minds of men for generations. "Whoever cares to know whither inquiry is tending, or how opinion is changing, what old ideas are perishing, and what new ones are rising into acceptance-briefly, whoever desires to be intelligent as to contemporary

movements in the world of thought, must give attention to the course of scientific inquiry.

"Believing that there are many such in this country, the POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY has been commenced with the intention of meeting their wants more perfectly than

any other periodical they can get. Popular Science Monthly will make its appeal not to the illiterate but to the generally educated classes. Our pages will be adapted to the wants of these and will enable them to carry on the work of self-instruction in science.'

Year after year those policies have guided the editors of POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY. That old purpose is in the planning of every issue. And instead of the few hundred readers of 1872, we now have hundreds of thousands in

every part of the world.

POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY is conducted today just as it was fifty-four years ago, but the fields of science and the interests of mankind are seen to be far wider than even Mr. Youmans dreamed of half a century ago. From thousands of laboratories and factories and shops have come inventions and dis-

coveries to make the daily life of human beings easier, richer,

happier.

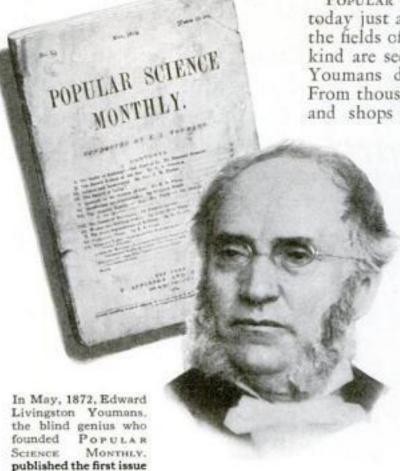
And to keep pace with this services offered our readers.

tremendous progress, POPULAR Science Monthly has been enlarged and improved. Where one man once made the magazine, it now needs many. A large board of editors and consulting scientists, our own laboratories and testing divisions, and an extensive research department, all contribute to the

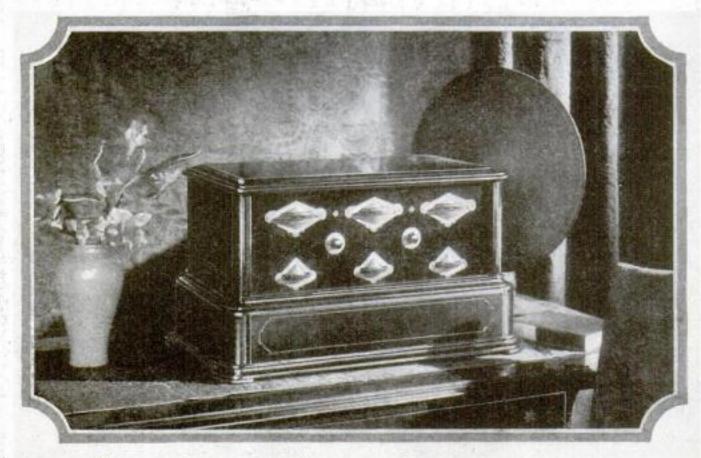
TT IS the function of POPULAR ■ Science Monthly to report and interpret great advancesto explain just how they affect you and me. Pictures have been added to make vivid the tre-

mendous drama of science and its effect on civilization and the lives of men. And that we may be of service to the largest possible number of people, we have reduced the news of science to words that any intelligent person can understand without effort. We have forced those exclusive folk—the scientists—to share the knowledge, once shared only with each other, with all of us.

On this our fifty-fourth birthday we have reason to be proud of no one accomplishment more than that the high priesthood of science is no more. Science has been made graphic, understandable and interesting to the average man and woman. We have kept the faith of our founder.—S. N. B.



Our Founder and His First Issue



Why the Synchrophase Appeals to the "Fan"

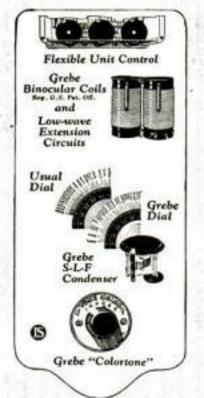
HE, more than any one else, understands what Grebe quality means. He best realizes why Grebe construction is reflected so surely in the superior reception of the Synchrophase.

The Grebe Synchrophase, built to satisfy the "fan", has quickly won first place in the opinion of the average radio user.

Ask your dealer to show you what Grebe reception means.

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All Grebe apparatus is covered by patents granted and pending.







It is written:

"A perfect vase never came from a bad potter's wheel."

When one realizes its origin, the superior reception of the Synchrophase is not to be wondered at

Doctor The



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SUMNER N. BLOSSOM, Editor May, 1926



An Untold Story of The Greatest Sea Rescue

With the life-saving apparatus helpless against the fury of an angry ocean, the Roosevelt's engineers invented ingenious devices to save the stricken crew of the sinking Antinoe

By Edgar C. Wheeler

TWENTY-FIVE half frozen and starving seamen clung desperately to the storm-swept deck of the sinking tramp steamer Antinoe. Boats were gone; engines and fires were flooded; and the lee rail was dipping under. Numbed hands grasped for hold against mid-Atlantic, gale-driven combers that surged up angrily to lap them into the sea. Voices that tried to shout were lost in the howl of winds and driving sleet.

Two hundred yards away was the dim outline of a ship. For three days now, the United States liner, President Roosevelt, had stood by. For three days the rescuers had tried every resource known to mariners in frantic efforts to reach them.

To the huddled group on the derelict, it seemed as if the full wrath of the "Roaring Forties" must surely carry them to death.

Suddenly, above the storm, came the faint booming of a gun. A thin rope slapped down across the careening deck. The stricken seamen seized it eagerly, with new strength. Together they tugged at it. As they pulled, an empty lifeboat, at the end of the line, moved slowly toward them across the foaming sea. Now it was 100 feet away; now only twenty feet. A little more, and the boat's stout painter, to which the thin line was made fast, would be within their reach. One final frantic tug. then . . . The rope fell slack in their hands. The line had parted.

Everyone knows what happened then; how, a few hours later, the entire crew of the Antinoe finally was taken off in boats manned by heroes of the Roosevelt's crew. The whole world was stirred by this magnificent rescue, and two continents vied in honoring Captain Fried and his men



Faced by Emergency, He Became an Inventor

John Turner, chief engineer of the United States liner President
Roosevelt, who met one of many emergencies in the thrilling
rescue of the Antinoe's crew by inventing what has proved to be
an important improvement in apparatus for saving lives at sea

for their victory in that grim four-day battle with a thundering tempest.

But behind the shooting of that one life line after a dozen other attempts had failed—even while it brought only heartrending disappointment—lies a remarkable chapter in the story of the rescue, a chapter which until now has remained virtually untold. It is a story of ingenuity and resourcefulness seldom equaled; of men trained to do things and make things with their own hands, who in a few tense hours became inventors and mechanical geniuses to meet a great emergency. Its heroes were below-deck heroesstout-hearted engineers, machinists and firemen, begrimed with the oil and grease of machinery. who labored hour after hour in the din of the straining engines to make the rescue possible.

WHILE Captain Fried maneuvered his ship perilously close to the foundered Antinoe, jockeying for positions of vantage, it was the sure hands of engineers on the throttles down below that sent the Roosevelt plunging forward at his bidding, or pulled it up sharply on its haunches. In those four days of maneuvering, they responded to more bells from the bridge than ordinarily are sounded in two years in and out of port.

While heroes above were risking and losing their lives in futile attempts to launch their lifeboats, the hands below were skilfully putting thousands of horsepower through one of the most terrific tests that marine engines ever have been called upon to meet. Time and again, turbines, whirling 1800 revolutions a minute, were thrown from full speed ahead to full speed astern. Yet never once were the

great engines allowed to falter.

Again, when the first shot lines from the Lyle life-saving gun snapped in mid-air, and the supply of projectiles was exhausted, it was the engineers who turned to the machine shop and there fashioned new projectiles from rough steel.



Two Simple Changes That Improved a Noted Invention

Above, the Lyle gun, loaded with the emergency-born projectile, ready to be fired. Below, the new projectile, showing original eighteen-inch spindle (marked by dotted circle) lengthened to four feet, with Turner's spring

vised carried the life line squarely across the deck of the Antinoe and a quarter of a mile beyond.

How this line, when hitched to an empty lifeboat, severed across the icy rail of the Antinoe, already has been told.

Yet even though it did not lead directly to the saving of lives, the great fact remains that in the most critical moment in one of the most thrilling of all sea rescues there was invented an important improvement in apparatus for saving lives at sea—the inspired idea of a handyman.

And the President Roosevelt's chief engineer is just that—a handyman. A slightly built, soft-spoken, reticent man of 37 years, he has been making things with tools and machines ever since he was fifteen, an apprentice in a machine shop.

S A boy, his greatest pleasure in spare A hours was to build toy steamships with real toy engines, and make them run. As a man, aboard ship, his hobby has been the making of handy devices among them such things as an ingenious wave-driven pump that automatically bales a small boat at anchor; a quickheating kettle that boils the morning coffee in a minute; a centrifugal machine gun driven by a gas engine; a device for measuring the distance of airplanes with beams of light.

And, with all, he is a master engineer. trained in an English university, and in the rougher school of experience. During the World War he made ninety-six trips through the submarine zone. Many times his resourcefulness and inventive ability have been put to the test.

Once, for example, when the sixteeninch piston of the President Roosevelt's steering engine broke, he quickly improvised a new piston from the lifting gear for a high pressure turbine. At another time, on the steamer Philadelphia, a broken main crankshaft found him not at all at a loss. He simply divided the power plant in half, and drove his ship with half a crankshaft, with two engines instead of the four.

His four assistant engineers on the Roosevelt are men of much the same caliber: James Ganly, first assistant, a young

Made Rescue Possible

The engine room of the Roosevelt showing dials flashing orders from the bridge during the thrilling At the exrescue. treme left Third Engineer Duffy is seen relaying the orders to the fire room. At the wheels are Ganly and O'Toole

man who during the war had charge of installing engines on twenty-five American torpedo boats; James O'Toole, senior second; Joseph Dluzon, junior second; and Bernard Duffy, third—all of them skilled engineers and expert machinists as

These were the men Captain Fried counted on to carry through when, that

Sunday morning in January, he received the SOS of the Antinoe and summoned his chief engineer to the bridge. Through driving hail and snow the Roosevelt was laboring. Heavy seas were dashing foam across her decks. The prospect of a rescue in such a storm was enough to dishearten even the bravest of men.

"XYE ARE going to her," Captain Fried told his engineer. "We'll want all the speed we can get, and we'll need all hands on duty."

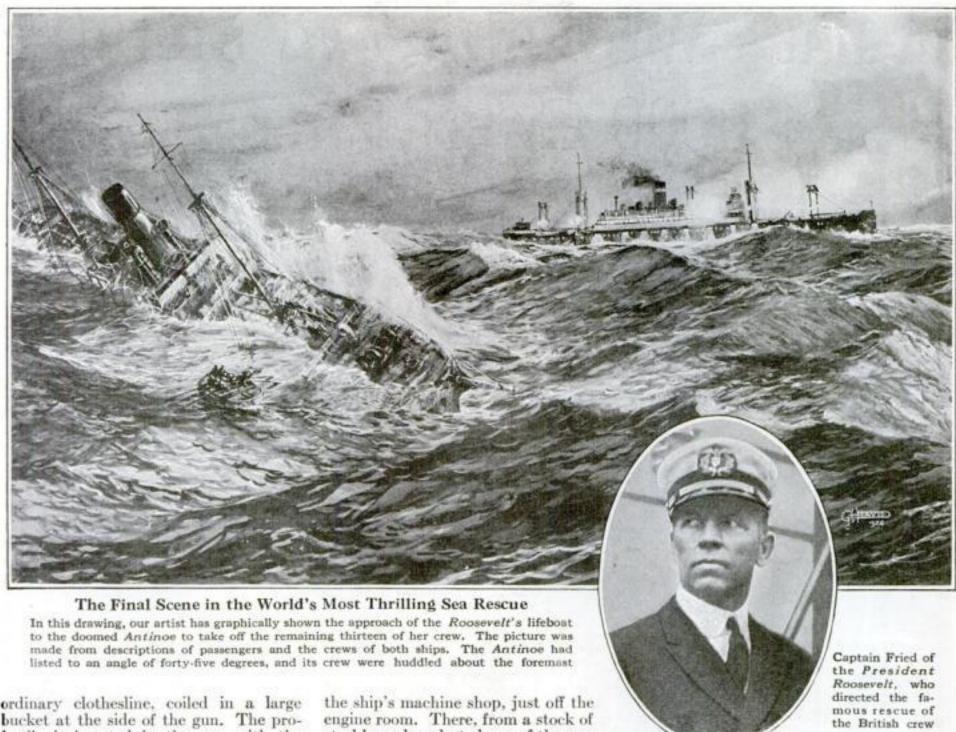
Down below went out orders for double watch. Sleeping men tumbled from their bunks and hurried down steep iron stairways winding into the engine room, twenty feet below the water line. Yellow jets of flaming oil spat and roared under the boilers, throttles were opened wide, and the President Roosevelt, guided by radio compass, churned to the rescue with all the power that was in her.

At noon the Antinoe was sighted. The Roosevelt stood by to the windward, while ballast pumps poured oil on the foaming waters. hours later the Lyle gun, devised for just such a rescue,

was made ready on deck to fire the first shot line to the Antinoc.

This little mortar, about a yard long, points its two and one half inch muzzle sharply upward. The entire gun is stationary on the deck, so that it is necessary to aim the ship instead of the weapon. Its projectile is a steel bullet a foot long. into one end of which is fastened a slender steel rod or spindle. This spindle ends in a wide eye in which is fastened the end of a manila rope, about the thickness of an





ordinary clothesline, coiled in a large bucket at the side of the gun. The projectile is inserted in the gun with the spindle and line protruding from the muzzle. A charge of powder set off by a primer fires it.

And now, while searching eyes on the bridge peered through the dark curtain of sleet, seeking aim at the half obscured mark, the engineers below were respond-

ing to bells which kept sounding in quick succession as the
tossing ship maneuvered into
position. With gaze fixed on the
dials that indicated orders telegraphed from above, and with
hands clutching the engine control wheels, they moved with
clocklike precision to the commands of pointers that told them:
"slow"—"full ahead"—"stop"
—"reverse."

THE little gun boomed.
But as the projectile
sped from the muzzle, it
left the rope behind! The
quick, lashing jerk of the
bullet had snapped the
rope like so much thread!
A second shot, then a
third, met with like failure.

"All three projectiles gone," was the word passed down from the deck.

"We'll make some more," the chief engineer flashed back.

A few quick measurements, and he hurried into the ship's machine shop, just off the engine room. There, from a stock of steel bars, he selected one of the correct diameter and cut it to length for a twelve-inch bullet. For the spindle

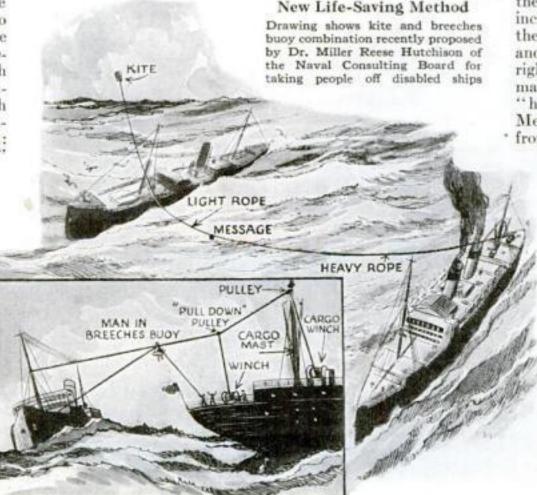
a twelve-inch bullet. For the spindle he turned down a length of boring bar, threaded it at one end, and inserted it in a threaded hole bored in the projectile. On the other end of the spindle he welded an eye. In the short space of half an

hour the job was entirely completed. Through the night and the next morning, while the Roosevelt drifted about in search of the Antinoe, which had been lost in the darkness, the engineers worked without rest by turns in the machine shop,

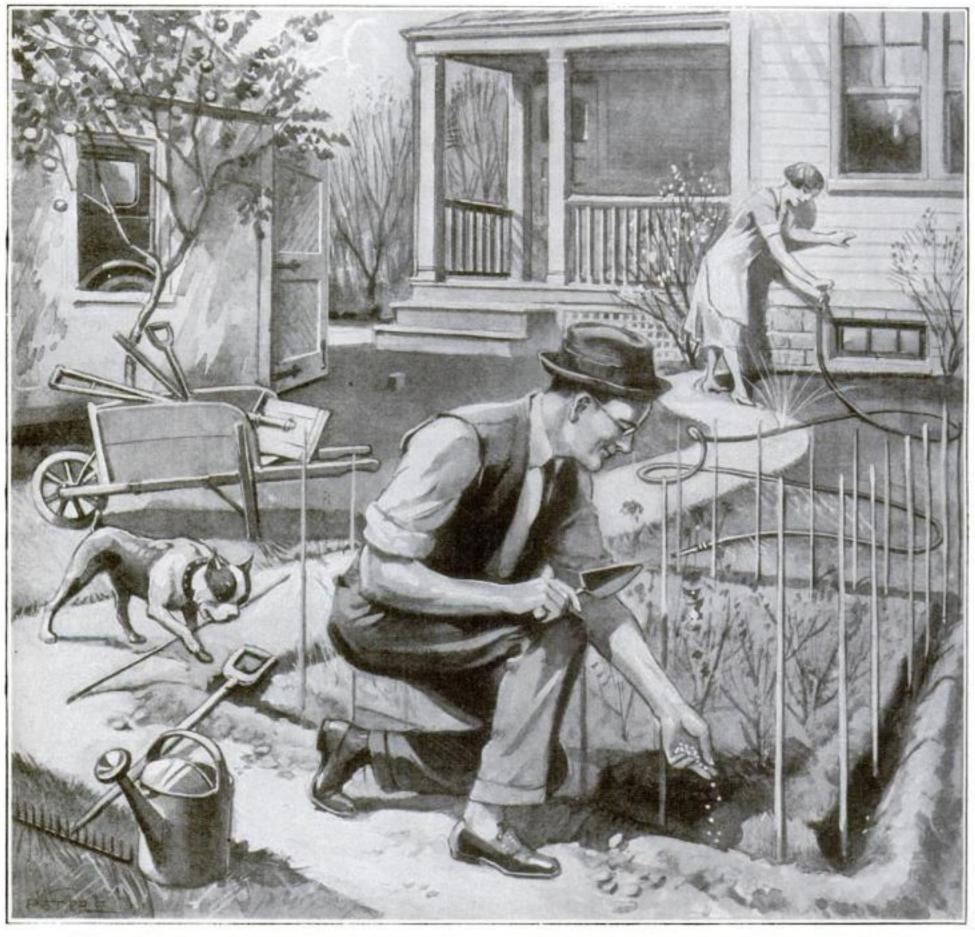
making projectiles. When the stock of two-and-one-halfinch bars was exhausted, they took three-inch stuff and turned it down to the right thickness. In all, they manufactured thirteen of the "homemade" projectiles. Meanwhile, other mechanics from the engine room had

turned electricians and were stringing thousand-candle-power lights around the sides of the *President Roosevelt*, making a 100-foot circle of daylight brightness about the ship.

On the third day, after two of the Roose-relt's men had been swept away in a futile attempt to launch a lifeboat, the men on deck renewed their efforts to shoot a line across. Ten more shots were fired—and every one of them (Continued on page 114)



What's Wrong in This Picture? \$1,000 CASH PRIZES



OHN and Mary Newlywed have decided it is time to get their garden started. So, taking advantage of the fine weather, they have begun enthusiastically, if not skilfully, to prepare the ground.

Are they going about it right, or are they bungling the job? they are making mistakes, what are they? The artist, too, deliberately made a few errors in drawing the picture. Find them, also

▲RE YOU quick at observing things around you? Are you always on the alert to see that everything is done right? Here is an opportunity to prove that you really are, and in so doing to win one of the cash prizes POPULAR Science Monthly is offering in its fascinating series of Picture Contests.

The contests began in the March number, but you can start now. Each contest is a separate competition and complete in itself. It is not necessary for anyone to have entered the preceding competition.

The idea is this: In each issue you will find a picture in which John and Mary Newlywed are the principal characters in a little home comedy. John and Mary are inexperienced, but that does not deter them from undertaking odd jobs around the house. Naturally, like everyone else, they have to learn by mistakes. And they make many. In addition, for good measure, the artist draws a number of things in each picture incorrectly. Your task is

to find all mistakes made either by the Newlyweds or by the artist.

Cash prizes amounting to \$1,000 will be awarded to those who point out the greatest number of errors in this month's picture and who also give their reasons in the clearest and cleverest way. The prizes are sixty-three in number, so you have that many chances of winning.

The contest is open to everyone, and you can submit as many sets of answers as you wish. If you already have won a

prize in one of Popular Science MONTHLY'S preceding contests, you still may compete in the present one. Prizes for each month's contest will be announced in every case as soon as possible.

Before you begin to study the picture this month, be sure to read the rules of the contest carefully. Then examine the picture closely, going over every detail thoughtfully. As you come upon an error, make a note of it. Ask members of your family, friends, and neighbors to tell you what they consider wrong in it. If you think you lack knowledge on one or more points, consult someone who is experienced.

When at length you can find no more mistakes, make out a list of all you have found and give your reasons for calling them wrong. Remember to number your answers. Use pen and ink or type-

writer, and write on only one side of the paper. Address your entry to the Picture Contest Editor, POPULAR SCIENCE Monthly, 250 Fourth avenue, New York City. All answers for this month's contest must be mailed not later than May 30.

If you wish to submit additional an-

Here Is the List of Prizes Will You Win One?

POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY is awarding \$1,000 in sixty-three cash prizes for the best answers submitted in this remarkable Picture Contest. The cash prizes will be distributed as follows:

First Prize\$	500
Second Prize	100
Third Prize	50
10 Prizes, \$10 each	100
50 Prizes, \$5 each	250
Total Prizes \$1	,000

swers, you may do so, but send them in as complete separate entries. Where more than one set of answers is entered, the judges will consider each set as a separate entry complete in itself.

The three judges who decide on the winners are Professor Collins P. Bliss,

director of the Popular Science Institute of Standards and head of the department of mechanical engineering, New York Univer-sity; Dr. Hazen G. Tyler, associate director of the Popular Science Institute of Standards and associate professor in experimental engineering, New York University; and Alexander Senauke, M.E., E.E., radio engineer of the Popular Science Institute of Standards. Their decisions will be final in all cases.

The first two Picture Contests in our new series have evoked great enthusiasm among our readers, judging by the expressions we have received from thousands of them. We were practically deluged with the flood of contributions for the first contest. And already we have had a legion of entries for the April contest.

In next month's issue, another picture will appear, fully as curiosityprovoking as this month's. If you failed before, don't be discouraged. You may score heavily in this one. But whatever your success, you will gain a fund of practical knowledge from John and Mary Newlywed's mistakes that will repay you.

The Rules of the Contest-Follow Them Carefully

Each month, until further notice, 1. POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY is printing a picture of John and Mary Newlywed doing some simple job about the home. Each picture shows John or Mary, or both, doing one or more things in the wrong way. In addition, there are a number of deliberate mistakes by the artist in drawing the picture. You are to tell us what things are being done wrong and what things

are drawn wrong in each picture, and why they are wrong.

2. MONTHLY will award POPULAR SCIENCE \$1,000 each month in sixtythree cash prizes for the best answers giving the greates number of mistakes in the picture. These prizes will be distributed as follows: First Prize \$500 Second Prize Third Prize Next 10 Prizes, \$10 each ... Next 50 Prizes, \$5 each 250 Total Cash Prizes each month \$1,000

3. ed to those persons who point out the largest number of actual mistakes found in the picture and who present their explanations of the errors in the clearest and

Prizes will be award-

most skilful way. Actual mistakes shall be construed in all cases to mean mistakes appearing in the picture about which there can be no question in the opinion of the judges. In case of ties, the full amount of the prize will be given to each tying contestant.

 Answers to each picture must be mailed or delivered to the offices of POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY not later than the thirtieth of the month following the date of publication of the magazine in which the picture appears. Thus, to insure consideration in this month's contest, answers to the picture in this month's issue, published

April 10, must be mailed or delivered

changes or corrections will be allowed in any entry after submission, but any contestant may submit as many separate entries as he desires.

All entries should be addressed to O. the Picture Contest Editor, POPU-LAR SCIENCE MONTHLY, 250 Fourth avenue, New York City. Name and address of the entrant must be written

> plainly on each page of the entry. Entries with insufficient postage will not be accepted. The publishers cannot be responsible for delay, loss, or non-delivery of entries. No contribution entered in this contest will be acknowledged and none will be returned. No letters of inquiry regarding points covered in the rules can be answered.

> You pay nothing. Just 7. You pay nothing.
> prove your knowledge and observation. You need not buy POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY to compete. You can borrow a copy from a friend or you can examine one at any office of POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY or at public libraries free of charge. Each contest is open to everybody, except

employees of POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY and the Popular Science Institute of Standards and their fam-

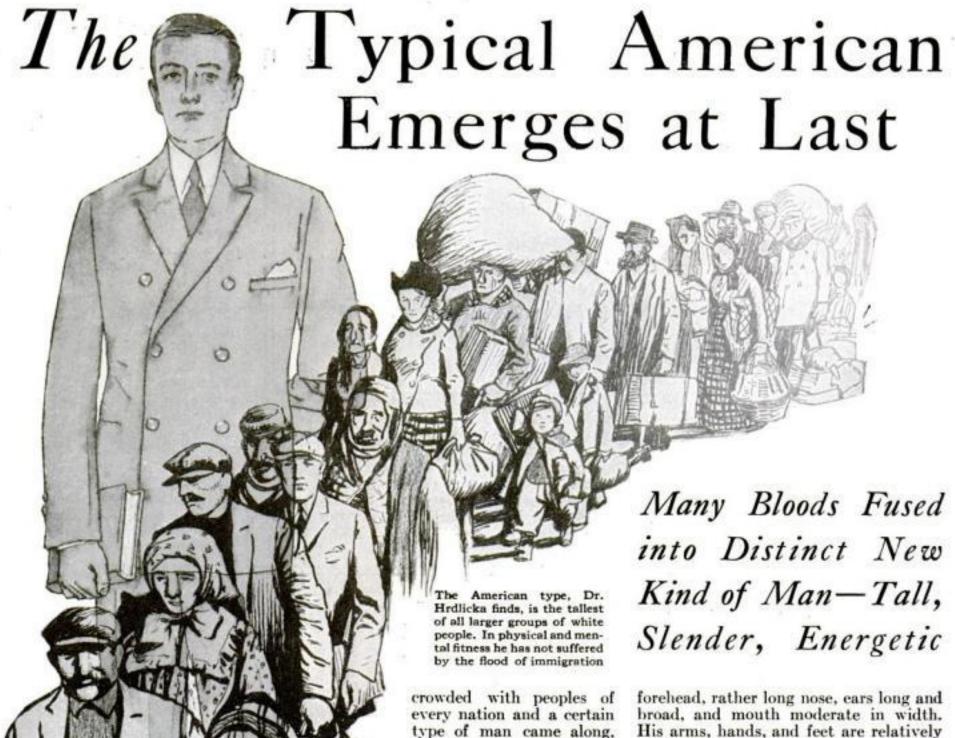
8. Officials of the Popular.
Institute of Standards will act as judges and their decisions will be final. Acceptance of these rules is an implied condition of each entry.

Another Contest in June

THE fourth \$1,000 Picture Contest of this ■ fascinating series will appear in next month's issue. Watch for it. Other similar contests will appear in succeeding issues of POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY. Each will be a complete contest in itself. So, if you should fail to win a prize in one month's contest, you still have as good a chance as any one else to win one the next month

> not later than May 30. No entry bearing a postmarked date later than the closing date for entry will be considered.

> Answers may be submitted on any kind of paper, but they must be typewritten or written in ink, and on one side of the paper only. Each error must be listed separately and numbered. No



HERE is such a thing as a typical American. Dr. Ales Hrdlicka, noted anthropologist of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, says he has found him.

Almost since the Pilgrims landed, we have been in doubt on the subject. We could reach down in the melting pot that is the United States and draw out almost any type—a broad-shouldered Briton, an olive-skinned Italian, a round-faced Armenian, all Americans by birth and breeding. To say which best represented

America was a puzzle.

But now after fourteen years of careful measurements and examinations, a scientist says that, although our history is short, there has been time for all the different types to fuse. Out of them all, he finds, is emerging a new type of man, distinct from those of all other lands. Within 200 years, he believes, this type will be clearly developed into a characteristic American race distinguished by its virility and energy.

Even now, if you were on a street

type of man came along, you would say involuntarily, "That's an American." Certain things in the way he looked and acted would cause you to recognize him. According to Dr. Hrdlicka,

one of these characteristics is height. The typical American is the tallest of all groups of white people. In the wide spaces of a new country, he has had room to grow. His average height is about five feet. nine inches.

The typical American is naturally slender. In comfortable middle age he may develop an "automobile paunch," but when a youth he is lithe and sinewy. His legs are long, and they move gracefully. He weighs on the average about 150 pounds.

Hair — usually brown and straight. Blond or curly-haired Americans stand out in a crowd because of their rarity.

A mixture of many bloods shows in his eyes. They are light in color, either a hazel, or, if blue, mixed with brown.

The head of the typical American is perceptibly larger than those of other nationalities. Facial characteristics differ according to occupation. Some whose ancestors were farmers or laborers. have jaw and cheek bones that are inclined to protrude, with skin drawn taut over them. Abraham Lincoln is a pronounced example of this type. Those with white collar jobs have more rounded features, with bones less prominent.

The typical American face is frank, healthy, intelligent, with medium high forehead, rather long nose, ears long and broad, and mouth moderate in width. His arms, hands, and feet are relatively somewhat shorter than those of other nationalities. The chest is about equal in breadth but not quite so deep as in European immigrants.

The character of the American is as

pronounced as his appearance.

"The main characteristics of the American type," Dr. Hrdlicka explains, "are, in general, frankness, openness, yet shrewdness, energy and persistence, with little sentimentality or affectation as a general rule, and with relatively few extremes in action."

MOTION-PICTURE directors, fol-lowing intuition rather than the measurements of anthropologists, have hit upon virtually the same type to represent America. The hero who usually is picked to represent the good old U. S. A. is exactly the tall, energetic, determined-looking fellow that Dr. Hrdlicka describes.

In arriving at his conclusions, Dr. Hrdlicka examined more than 1,500 adults, both men and women. These were descendants of what he calls "Old Americans," that is, the early stock of America.

Many Americans have feared lest the strain of American blood has deteriorated through the influx of immigrants. The Washington investigator says that his studies prove the contrary. Even children of immigrants who were undersized or under the standard of mental and physical fitness have developed amid wholesome American surroundings into sturdy, quick-on-the-mark individuals.

How a Famous Artist Became One of the World's Greatest Inventors

He Lived Two Great Lives

LMOST a hundred years ago, as the packet ship Sully rode the sea from Havre to New York, a famous American artist sat at dinner with a group of distinguished passen-gers, among them the United States Minister to France. The conversation turned to electricity, the new "fluid" the strange mysteries of which

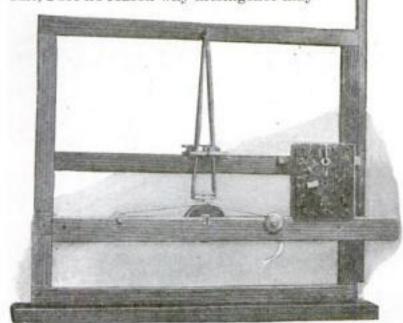
terest of the world. Benjamin Franklin and his kite, Ampere and his experiments with the electromagnet, were mentioned.

were arousing the in-

"I should like to know," spoke up one of the group, "whether the flow of elec-

"Not at all," replied another of the company, a well-known scholar from Boston. "It is quite established that electricity passes instantaneously over any known length of wire." And he recalled Franklin's experiments in which he had observed an instantaneous spark at the end of several miles of wire in a circuit.

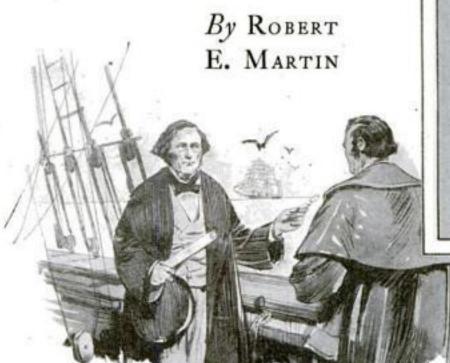
"Well, if that is the case," chimed in the artist, "if the presence of electricity can be made visible in any part of a circuit, I see no reason why intelligence may



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The World's First Telegraph Instrument

Morse's first crude model telegraph receiver. As the electric circuit was opened and closed, an electromagnet caused a pencil to move up and down, making dots and dashes on a ribbon of paper moved by clockwork



"Well, Captain," said Morse, as the packet ship reached New York, "if you should hear of the telegraph one of these days as the wonder of the world, remember the discovery was made on board the good ship Sully." This happened about 100 years ago

An Amazing Prophecy

not be transmitted instantaneously by electricity."

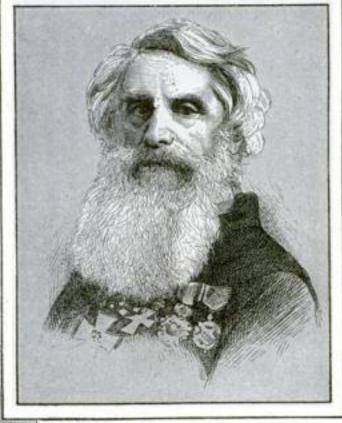
No sooner had the words left his lips than Samuel Finley Breese Morse realized with an overwhelming thrill that he had hit upon the secret of a tremendous invention. Like a thunderbolt there flashed upon him the revelation of an astounding new marvel of communi-

cation, one destined to link the ends of the earth.

The significance of his words apparently passed over the heads of his fellow passengers. They went on with their conversation as if nothing unusual had happened. But Morse was electrified. Abruptly he left the table and went on deck. There, while the waves of mid-ocean spanked the ship's sides, the instrument that should write down the thoughts of men at a distance took shape in his mind.

IN AN instant Morse, the great artist, at the age of 41, was transformed almost miraculously into Morse, the great inventor of the telegraph. In the first hour of that discovery, his idea unfolded before him from beginning to end. His thoughts ran something like this:

"A current of electricity will pass along a wire instantaneously to any distance.

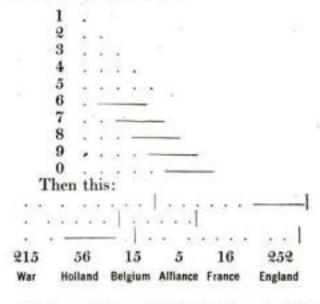


The Inventor of the Telegraph

Samuel Finley Breese Morse, as he appeared shortly before his death at the age of 81. This is a reproduction of a picture of the inventor published in the first issue of Popular Science Monthly, May, 1872

If the current is broken anywhere along the wire, a spark appears. The spark will be one sign; its absence another; the time of its absence another. These three signs I will combine to represent figures and letters, words and sentences. If electricity can carry these signs ten miles, I can make it carry them around the world!"

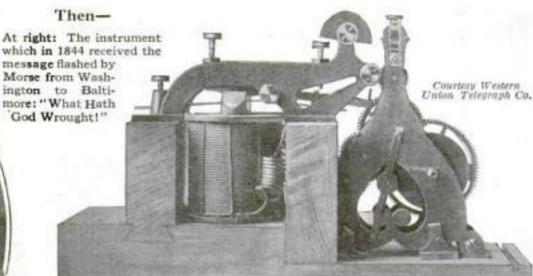
HE drew from his pocket a little scratch book in which he was accustomed to make sketches, and began to mark down a series of dots and dashes. These he arranged in ten combinations, each representing a numeral, the numerals to be combined to represent words. What he wrote was this:



That was the world's first dot-and-dash language; the first beginning of the Morse code; the beginning of electrical communication which was to lead to the telegraph, the telephone, radio and countless other wonders that have made possible the world we know today.

As the ship sped toward America, Morse spent sleepless nights developing





-and Now

At left: The remarkable automatic typewriterreceiver used today in the 7400-mile circuit between London and San Francisco. On a ribbon of paper the machine prints the message in instantaneous response to an operator a distance of thousands of miles away

portrait painter in America, before whom sat presidents and generals and statesmen, and whose works, as head of the National Academy of Design, were acclaimed at home and abroad.

Then, just at the moment when he reached the height of fame as an artist, just when he was returning from triumphs in Europe, with bright prospects for financial ease and still higher honors, an inspiration from the clouds caused him to renounce all he had gained and begin again—this time as an inventor with a

TN THIS second life of his, however, he L called to his aid a wealth of valuable experience from the first. As a struggling artist, he had mastered the lesson of everlasting persistence. He had learned that perfection comes only after countless trials and failures.

Once, for example, while he was a young art student in London, he carefully finished a drawing which he intended to offer to the National Academy for admission. He showed it then to one of the great English masters of the day, Benjamin West.

"What do you think of it?" asked young Morse, hopefully.

The master artist examined the drawing closely for some moments.

'Very well, sir, very well," he said finally. "Go on and finish

> "But it is finished," said Morse in surprise.

> "Oh, no," West answered.
> "Look here, and here," pointing to a number of unfinished places that had escaped Morse's untrained eyes.

> Somewhat disappointed, the young artist took the drawing back to his lodgings, where he labored over it for a week. Then he returned. This time the master was lavish with his praise.

> "Very well indeed, sir," he said. "Go on and finish it."

> "But isn't it finished?" "Not yet. See, you have not marked that muscle, nor the articulation of the finger joints,"

> Again Morse spent days retouching his picture.

> "Very clever, indeed," said West when he came the third time. "Well, go finish it."

> "I can't finish it!" cried Morse. (Continued on page 135)

his idea. His mind was on fire. He had little if any technical knowledge of electricity; yet he had been keenly interested in its mysteries ever since the day when, as a young student, he had clasped hands in a circle with other students at Yale College and had felt the tingle of an electric shock pass through his body. In a general way he was familiar with the operation of the battery, the electromagnet, and other important discoveries in electrical science.

NOW he took these separate discoveries as he found them and worked them over in his mind into a practical system of sign writing at a distance. Instead of an electric spark to produce his dots and dashes at the receiving end of the wire, he would use an electromagnet to move a metal lever up and down as the electric circuit was made and broken. In his scratch book he drew little sketches of the instruments and

wires he would use. These he showed to his fellow passengers, who raised their brows skeptically as he tried to explain his ideas to them.

At last the Sully arrived in port, and Morse went to the skipper, Captain Pell, to say farewell.

"Well, Captain," he said, "if you should hear of the telegraph one of these days as . the wonder of the world, remember the discovery was made on board the good ship

prophetic words Those marked Morse's achievement as one of the most extraordinary feats in all the history of invention. Seldom, if ever, has an inventor so completely grasped the full significance of an idea at the moment that idea was born in his mind, or so completely foretold its successful fulfillment.

Yet in his supreme confidence that he had brought forth a new wonder of the

world, Morse little dreamed of the years of struggle, poverty and bitter discouragement he must pass before his invention could be put into practical service. Where other inventors have sacrificed all in the struggle to bring an idea to perfection, Morse's great battle was to sell" his virtually completed idea to an unbelieving and scoffing public. To this purpose he sacrificed fame and position, already gained in another field, and devoted a dozen years of heart-breaking labor.

The extraordinary thing about Morse is that he was a man who lived two distinct lives, and who climbed from the bottom to success in each of them. In his life as an artist, he began as a strolling "peddler," barely keeping clothes on his back and food in his stomach by painting portraits of New England country folk as he wandered from village to village. In less than a score of years, by dogged persistence, he became the foremost

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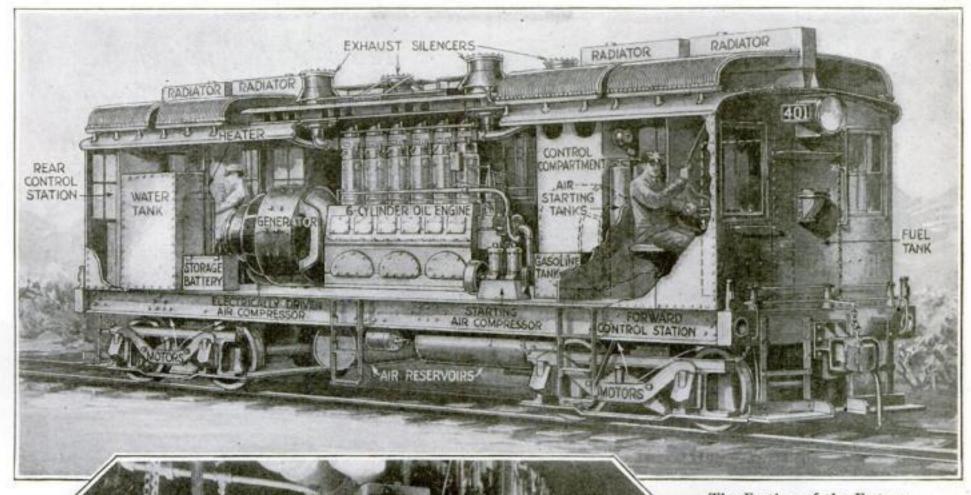
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FIFTY-FOUR years ago, shortly after the death of Morse at the age of 81, the first issue of Popular Science Monthly, appearing in May, 1872, paid this prophetic tribute:

'Professor Morse has completed his career, and taken his place in the past. He belongs now to memory and to fame, and his name and work will help to save our age from oblivion.

"After a few thousand years, when the inferior races of men shall have disappeared from the earth, except perhaps a few samples preserved as antiquarian specimens; when civilization has overspread the world, and the telegraph system has become so universal and perfected that any individual will be able to put himself into instantaneous communication with any other individual upon the globe,then will the name of Morse, one of the great founders of the system, be more eminent than any upon whom we now look back as the illustrious of ancient times."

Now Come Oil-Electric Locomotives

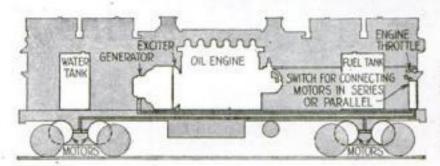


The Engine of the Future

The drawing above shows the construction of the powerful new oil-electric locomotive which, according to its inventors, may supersede steam and electric engines on American railroads. Note the compact arrangement of its various features

Capable of Vast Power

At the left is a front view of the giant sixcylinder, sixty-ton engine that furnishes the power for the latest type of locomotive which, it is claimed, will one day haul a train across the continent without a stop



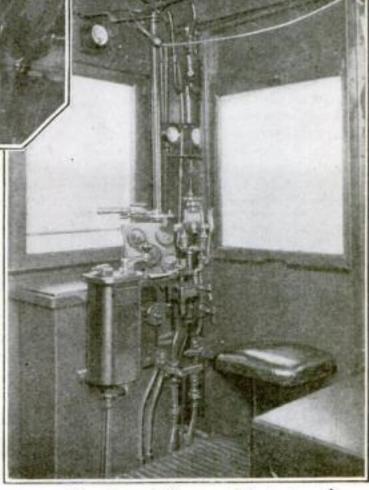
How Controls Work

The plan at the left illustrates how the oil engine, the generator, and the motors on the front and the rear wheels are connected with their controls in the engineer's station

THE introduction of oil-electric locomotives marks the latest advance in railroad operation in this country. These new locomotives, perfected within the last few years, are said to be as speedy as the fastest steam engines, and to have tremendous hauling power.

They are able, it is claimed, to haul a train across the continent without a stop for changing engines or for fuel or water. Cinderless, smokeless, and noiseless, they insure cleaner and more comfortable passenger trains. Superior power and more economical operation than steam locomotives are reported as the result of recent tests by the Central Railroad of New Jersey, in which a sixty-ton oil-electric engine handled, in a given period, 11,000 more tons at a fuel cost of twenty percent less than a steam engine.

The use of these engines, it is said, will reduce maintenance costs one half, and each engine will last twice as long as a steam locomotive.



Simple and Compact Control

The control station of an oil-electric locomotive. The engine throttle is seen in front of the window, with the motor control just below for convenient operating It's a Game of Glorious

THE wonder horse, Man-o'-War, greatest of all American racers. This picture shows the magnificent animal in his prime, galloping through a morning workout—an important part in every thoroughbred's training. Man-o'-War has been called the finest race horse in history; yet even this phenomenal winner was defeated once, unexpectedly, by a horse called Upset

How the Science of Making
Race Horses Often Is
Upset in the Stern
Test of the Track

LITHE thoroughbreds, coats gleaming with sweat, clods of earth and swirls of dust rising beneath their thundering hoofs; straining, panting, yet moving with rhythmic grace as their space-devouring leaps carry them down the yellowish ribbon of track.

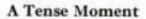
Stunted, hard-faced jockeys in blouses and caps of brilliant silks, hunched like monkeys on sticks on the very necks of their mounts, their spare bodies bobbing violently up and down as they urge the horses to greater speed.

Roars and screams from the throats of hysterical thousands growing in swift crescendo to a deafening blast as the field sweeps by the neat pagoda that shelters the judges and marks the finish of the

Then, suddenly—silence.

For a moment you hear the gentle flapping of flags on the grand stand roof. Then comes a hum of conversation, and the rustle of paper—programs, newspapers, "dope sheets"—as the onlookers discuss the event just run. The horses, brought to a stop a quarter of a mile or so beyond the finish line, turn and trot leisurely back to the judges' stand, where the jockeys salute, dismount, "weigh in," and pass back to their quarters. Hostlers throw light blankets about the horses and lead them to the barns. A band blares forth in a lively tune.

That's horse racing, famous "sport of kings," the most romantic and glamorous game of all—as you see it from the grand stand. Twelve thousand times a year,



A typical scene during one of the thousands of horse races which each year attract multitudes of screaming, hysterical spectators

approximately, such scenes are enacted on recognized tracks in the United States, Canada, Mexico and Cuba alone.

But from the grand stand you see only one side of racing—the spectacular side. Behind, is an earnest, studious group of men—breeders, trainers and owners—to whom horse racing is a science; a field for constant research and experiment. With them, racing goes far beyond the bustle and excitement of a race meeting to quiet farms where animals are bred scientifically and trained systematically.

THE study of eugenics and heredity is an everyday part of their business, and some of them can trace the ancestry of their charges back beyond Bully Rock, the first thoroughbred to come to America, and other famous horses, imported into Virginia from England long before American independence. With justifiable pride, they will tell you of the proud lines of British and Colonial ancestors from which this or that horse is descended.

With these men, the cardinal principle of the science of horse breeding is stated readily. Mares which have been winners and come from lines of winning horses are



Nine Days Old-a Future Winner?

This ungainly little new-born filly comes from a line of winners—from Mercia (above) by Purchase, a famous racer. Whether the baby will be a winner, too, is one of the uncertainties of the game; but in any event she will be coddled, petted and trained as all racers are

mated to horses that likewise come from winning lines. The theory is that the progeny should be winners also. But sometimes—very frequently, in fact, horse racing being the uncertain proposition that it is—they are not.

The foals, coming in March or April, make their bow as yearlings to the public in the sales ring early in their second summer. Colts and fillies of distinguished ancestry bring high prices at these

Uncertainties

By George Lee Dowd, Jr.

auctions, the purchasers being guided largely by heredity. Sometimes these colts justify their heritage; more frequently, though, they do not. Thus, of about 200 well-bred yearlings sold to leading American racing stables in 1924, only about seventy proved themselves "bargains" in their first year of racing last season. Of the rest a goodly number won not a single purse for their purchasers.

OF COURSE, these young horses may prove worthy descendants of their noted ancestors in later years of racing, or in time may themselves beget real racers, who will repay their breeders a thousand fold for their investments.

But it is a rash man who will dare hazard a prediction as to what a race horse will or will not do. And it is in this constant, glorious uncertainty that lies the real explanation of the lure of racing. There is an old saying among turfmen that "anything can happen at a race track." And "anything"—that is, the unexpected—does happen—and every day!

A few months ago one of the best American trainers prepared a list of one hundred ways in which the best horse could be beaten in a race. These ranged from falling to being nosed out at the finish because an excited jockey turned his head as his hat blew off.

In 1923 a Chicago turfman, William Daniel, picked up a yearling colt, Master Charlie, at auction for \$1,000. In the following year's racing the colt won stakes and purses aggregating \$95,525, and was acclaimed by some the best horse of any age in the country. But, before the first spring stakes were run last year, Master Charlie developed unsound legs and

was withdrawn from racing.
Two years ago Mrs. Payne
Whitney paid \$15,500 for a
yearling colt, Nurmi, halfbrother of the illustrious
Zev, hero of the famous
\$100,000 international race



"Schooling" at the Barrier

A remarkable photograph showing how young horses are schooled by the official starter to stand quietly behind the barrier while it is down. The instant the barrier is "sprung," they leap forward. Seldom can the restless young animals be made to keep as straight and quiet a line as this

> trainer's faith by scoring a wholly unlooked-for victory in a \$30,000 stake race.

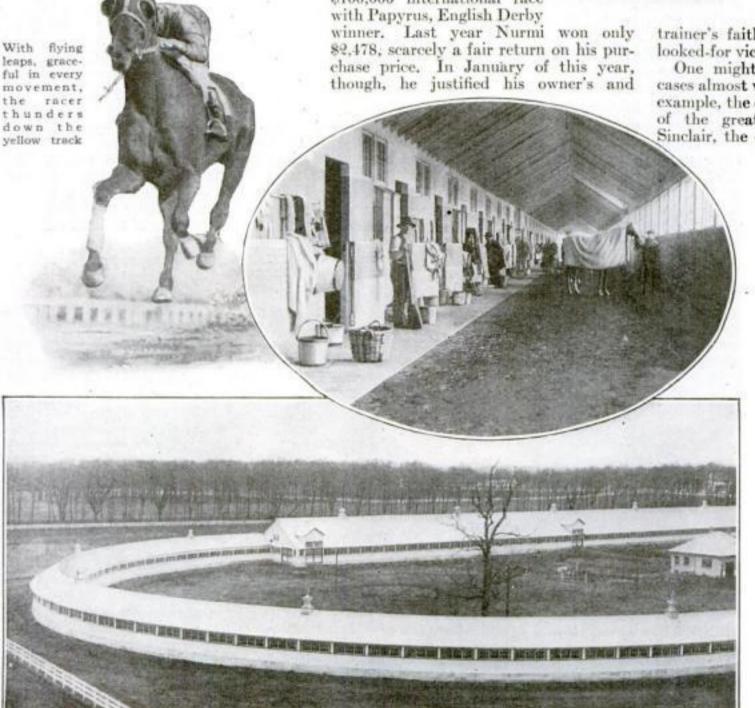
> One might go on recounting similar cases almost without end. There was, for example, the colt, Playfellow, full brother of the great Man-o'-War. Harry S. Sinclair, the oil magnate, paid \$100,000

for this animal, in the hope that he would follow the family habit of making turf history, only to discover that Playfellow's constitution and habits precluded the possibility of his ever becoming a high class horse. Before that Samuel C. Hil-dreth, trainer of Sinclair's Rancocas stable, paid \$115,000 for the colt Incheape, son of Friar Rock, three-year-old champion of ten seasons ago, only to have Inchcape develop a skin disease that made him unfit for racing.

Yet, although this uncertainty of race horses (Continued on page 130)

The Training Camp

Every large race track has an inclosed course where the horses are kept in training during the winter. These views of the Rancocas farm in New Jersey show how the track and stables are housed under one roof. Notice, in the oval picture, how these novel palatial stalls line the track



How Large Can a Star Be?

New Discoveries Show That a Sun More Than Fifty Times the Mass of Ours Would Burst into Fragments

By NEWTON BURKE

O MOST of us, the Sun, which for millions of years has been lighting and warming the Earth day after day, seems quite the greatest and most important body in the universe. Yet actually our Sun is a relatively unimportant little pinhead of fire compared. with some of the vast flaming stars swinging through space so far distant from us that they can scarcely be detected with the powerful instruments of astronomy.

Just by way of comparison, imagine that you could hop into your car some day and travel without stop indefinitely. At a continuous speed of sixty miles an hour, you could complete a trip around the Earth's equator in about seventeen days and eight hours. In a little less than five years, you could cover the distance at the same speed around the Sun. But to circle Antares, the largest star we know of, in your fastest motor car, you

would take approximately 1,370 years! The diameter of Antares is estimated at more than 273,000,000 miles, or more than 300 times that of the Sun. And Antares is only one of a number of giant suns. Betelgeuse and alpha Hercules are almost as large. They are so huge that not one of them could find room in the vast circle described by the Earth in its

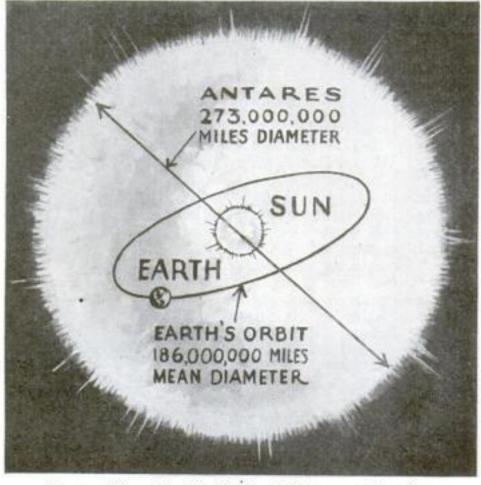
path around the Sun.

BALLS of fire so enormous as these stagger human imagination. Quite naturally, they lead us to ask whether there is any limit to the size of a star; and, if so, how large it is possible for a star to be.

Answers to these questions recently have been given through remarkable measurements by A. S. Eddington, noted British scientist.

A star whose mass is fifty times that of our Sun, this astronomer found, has reached its limit in greatness. Stars of greater mass than this cannot exist; they would burst of their very enormity. Their own pressure from within, combined with the centrifugal force of rotation, would overbalance the force of gravitation holding them together, and they would fly apart in billions of fragments!

In these calculations it must be remembered, of course, that the mass of a star depends on the weight of materials composing it, and is quite a different thing from volume. Thus, while the great star Antares is hundreds of times



Greater Than Earth's Whole Path around the Sun

Antares, the largest known star, is just one of a number of giant suns, none of which could find room in the vast circle described by our Earth in its path around the Sun. To motor around it would take 1,370 years

> larger in dimensions than the Sun, its mass is within the outside limit of fifty times the mass of the Sun.

Eddington's startling conclusions were reached through a study of the light radiation of stars and its causes, by means of ingenious modern instruments of measurement, such as Michelson's interferometer, the spectroscope, and improved photographic apparatus. He learned that in the center of a star whose mass is one



Equal to 6,000 Big Guns

The terrific pressure at the center of the Sun has been estimated at about 180,000,000 pounds to the square inch-6,000 times the breech pressure developed in firing our largest coast defense gun. A star more than fifty times the total mass of our Sun would burst

and one half that of our Sun. the heat reaches the tremendous temperature of 8,550,000° F. Even a spot halfway between the center and the surface reaches 2,395,000°. The pressure at the center is 21,000,000 atmospheres, or more than 300,000,000 pounds to the square inch—at least 10,000 times as great as the breech pressure of Uncle Sam's largest coast defense gun.

EDDINGTON learned, too, that just as there is a limit to the greatness of stars so also there is a limit to their smallness. A star less than one seventh the mass of our Sun, he discovered, would cease to shine. For the temperature at its surface could not reach 5400° F.—the lowest temperature at which a star can remain visible by light radiation.

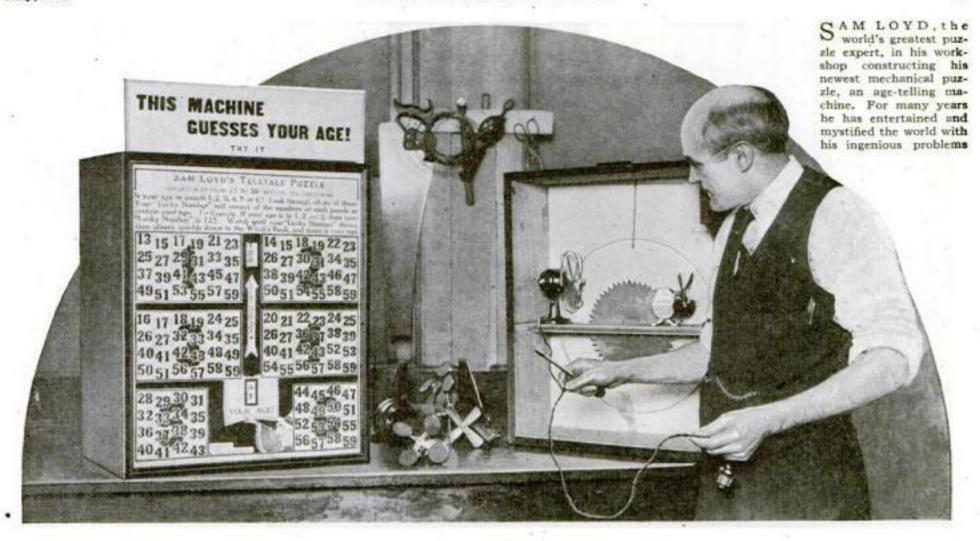
Of dwarf stars, there are undoubtedly far more than we know of, but most of them are invisible to us even through the most powerful telescopes. The smallest ob-

served and studied, a distant companion to alpha Centauri, is probably close to the limit of visibility and gives only 400,000th part of the light of the Sun. These dwarfs have diameters between 155,000 and 580,000 miles in length, hence are much smaller than the Sun, which has a diameter of 865,350 miles.

THESE new measurements, incidentally, led to interesting conclusions about our Sun. For instance, his calculations indicate that the highest surface temperature the Sun ever reached was about 16,200° F., while its present surface temperature is not more than 10,800°—thus supporting the theory that our Sun is a "dying star."

That such may be the case, however, need cause us no alarm, scientists tell us; for even if the Sun's energy should continue to decrease at a regular rate, it would take millions of years before it would cool off enough to injure life on Earth. In fact, astronomers say the Sun does not get its heat by burning up as we burn coal. Instead, much of its heat seems to be developed by explosions or changes in atoms of matter composing it.

Thus, so far as we are concerned, its store of energy is inexhaustible. The Sun has been supplying warmth to its family of planets for probably millions of years and, to the best of our knowledge, will continue to do so for many centuries to come.



Can You Solve the

World's Greatest Puzzles?

Millions Have Tried—Sam Loyd, Famous Inventor of Brain Twisters, Reveals Some of His Secrets

HAVE never met a normal, thinking person whose bump of inquisitiveness did not lead him to take at least a mild interest in puzzles. When a man tells me he is utterly indifferent to puzzles and never tried to solve one, I can only conclude that he is lacking in a certain wholesome enthusiasm, without which life is a drab affair.

For while jostling against all manner of people it has been impressed on my mind that the successful ones are those who have a natural faculty for solving puzzles. Life is full of puzzles, and we are called upon to solve such as fate throws our way. We are constantly propounding and solving puzzles without realizing it. Exactly the same faculties that business problems engage are brought

into action in puzzle solving.

To set aside a certain type of mind as of the puzzle solving kind would be a rash assumption. Puzzlers are

recruited from all walks of life, and no particular profession, trade or occupation provides a larger quota than

another.

Some of the world's great figures in science and letters have not been too proud to affix their names in authorship to puzzles. Famous scientists like Newton, Euler, Tyndall, Cardan, Huxley and Herschel, and eminent writers such as Byron, Voltaire, Ma-

By SAM LOYD

The puzzles of Sam Loyd are known throughout the English-speaking world and for more than thirty years have appeared daily in a hundred American newspapers. His is a fascinating and unusual story.

caulay, Longfellow, Cowper, and Poe contributed brilliantly to the puzzle library.

Lewis Carroll, author of Alice in Wonderland, was an Oxford professor of mathematics and the author of many quaint and difficult puzzles.

P. T. Barnum was an inveterate puzzler, and exhibited his faith in the lure of

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 The World-Famous "14-15" Puzzle 13 14 15

This puzzle, originated more than fifty years ago, created a furore the world over. The problem is through the open space bringing

the world over. The problem is to move the blocks through the open space bringing the 14 and 15 into correct order as shown at the right. To work on the puzzle, cut a sheet of paper into squares and number them to correspond with the blocks. Then move them about on a larger square drawn on another sheet to correspond with the box

puzzles by using them in his circus advertising.

Thomas A. Edison has indorsed puzzle solving as a mental training, and reveals his own knack for puzzle construction in his famous questionnaires.

Theodore Roosevelt was a puzzle fan, and encouraged his children to participate in puzzle contests. During White House days the young Roosevelts were regular entrants in my puzzle solving tournaments, and more than occasionally flashes from the vigorous mind of the great American were discernible in the young folks' papers.

Hudson Maxim, the noted inventor, is as enthusiastic a puzzler as I know of. Once he wrote me, saying:

> "Men and women are but children of a larger growth, and just as the kindergarten teaches the little folks by methods which make instruction interesting, so children of any larger growth are more effectively instructed by methods which awaken interest and pleasure by stimulating creative imagination through tasking it with the solution of an interesting problem. Puzzles are just the thing for teaching mathematics."

> IN FACT, to print the roster of habitual puzzle solvers who are prominent in other circles would

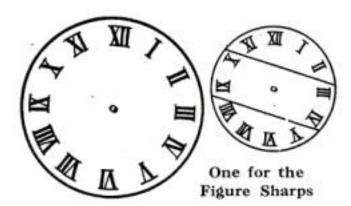
require a volume comparable to a city directory. The names of distinguished clergymen, lawyers, doctors, educators, authors and publicists are commonplace in the puzzle editor's correspondence. The devotion of these busy people to their puzzle practice is intense and constant. I have many correspondents who have been following my puzzles for years, and time seems only to intensify their devotion. A young lady of Boston, now in her eighties, has written me on the subject of puzzles at least once a month for the last twenty-five years.

THE art of puzzle composition consists of building a structure of ingenious clues around a skilfully concealed piece of information. The first object is to pique curiosity and imaginationin brief, to tease the solver into trying the puzzle. Without this lure, the puzzle is a failure. If it is difficult, that fact must not be apparent. On its face it must be like Bret Harte's Heathen Chinee—childlike and

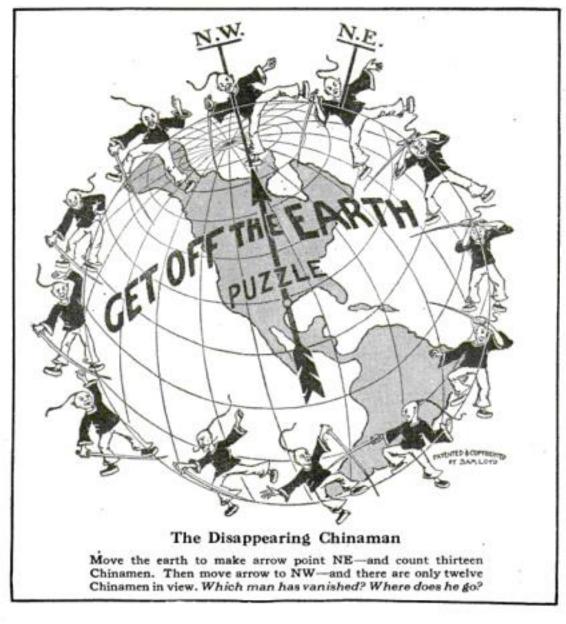
bland-although like that same individual it may be tricky and peculiar. The conditions must be clear and exact, permitting of no quibbles as to interpretation. It is a poor puzzle that relies upon twists in the meaning of words.

In the construction of these synthetic mysteries lies the sphere of the puzzle inventor, and for some reason the public is inclined to regard his operations as in the realm of black art.

Replying to the oft repeated query as to how puzzles are originated,-whether they come spontaneously or as a result of careful planning,-I would say that the best type of puzzle is usually a mixture of inspiration and science. Puzzles, like other inventions, are seldom made to order. They are, of course, developed and built up from ideas, but these nuclei must first be wooed and won.

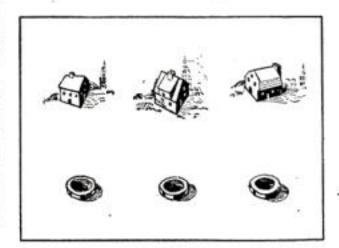


The smaller design shows how a clock dial may be divided into three sections, each of which contains numbers adding up to 26. Now all you are required to do is cut the larger dial into FOUR pieces so that the sum of the numbers in each of the four pieces will be the same. You'll find it a real puzzle



Thirty years ago, Sam Loyd invented this mystifying mechanical problem. Cut out the square, then cut carefully around the outline of the earth through the bodies of the Chinamen. Place the two pieces on cardboard and stick a pin through the earth's center so that you can revolve it. Then follow the simple directions printed on the puzzle above-and you will be surprised at the result

Puzzles, of course, reflect the intellectual bent of their originators. The mathematician naturally evolves his problems from the science in which he is proficient, while the man with a literary bent will clothe his conceits in the peculiarities of



This Is Sam Loyd's Best Puzzle

Each of the three householders was entitled to pipe water from each of the three wells, necesng nine pipes in all, and they had to be laid according to the rule of the plumbers' union, which says that no pipe shall cross any other pipe. Can you show how each householder may have water piped from all three wells to either his front or rear door and without violation of the plumbers' aforesaid rule?

language. In the latter class are anagrams, acrostics, enigmas, charades, conundrums, riddles, rebuses, transpositions, and, of course, the puzzle family's healthy baby boy— the cross word puzzle.

Among these also should be mentioned palindromes—words or sentences that read backward as well as forward—a very ancient form indeed if it is true that Adam

introduced himself to Eve with the words, "Madam, I'm Adam." The most famous of palindromes is that purporting to be the great Napoleon's soliloquy, "Able was I ere I saw Elba." It is well authenticated that the "man of destiny" turned to puzzles for solace and recreation in the days of his exile, and a number of clever puzzles have been ascribed to him.

PUZZLES built upon geometrical principles are great favorites, especially those that deal with the dissection of plane figures. Most of the wooden and wire puzzles sold upon the streets and in shops are concerned with geometry.

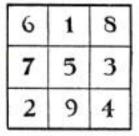
Puzzles can be made out of almost anything in . the hands of one whose talents lie in that direction. Young people take delight in puzzles which employ coins, buttons, match sticks, string, wire, pencils and similar common objects, and anyone with a good repertory of such wins their hearts. In fact, one clever trick as a stock in trade and a

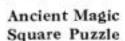
happy faculty for showing it off, can make the performer pass as a genius for a whole

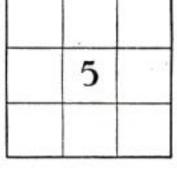
lifetime.

Like thousands of others, I can trace my initiation into puzzledom through the old 14-15 block puzzle, originated more than fifty years ago, and which was puzzling the entire nation when I was a lad. I stuck at that taunting box of blocks until I succeeded in proving that it could not be worked out! This statement, even at this late date, will be somewhat of a shock to many an old-timer who spent time that eventually had to be reckoned in years on this intriguing mystery.

Let us look again at this old box of blocks which drove your forbears nearly crazy half a century ago. As shown in the illustration on page 23, the fifteen blocks were arranged in (Continued on page 115)







The diagram on the left shows the simplest form of Magic Square, a puzzle design whose origin is lost in the mist of antiquity. Each line of numbers-across, up and down, and the diagonals-adds up to 15. Can you reverse the proposition, rearranging the numbers in the diagram at the right, leaving the 5 in the center, and produce eight different totals when you add up the figures?

Unique Radio Pen Makes Ink Copies

Device Can Be Used on Your Set through

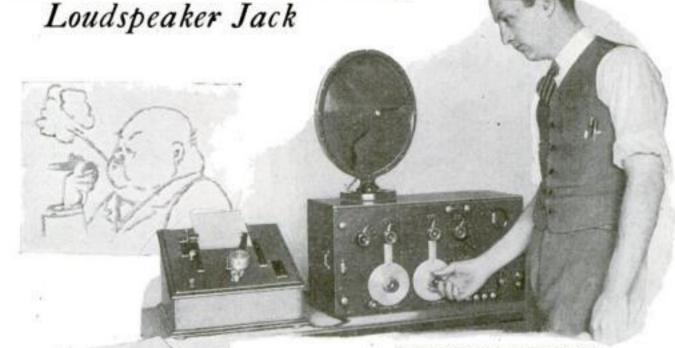
Metal Used for Contacts

The "radio pen" transmitter with the original drawing and print used for broadcasting. Metallic ink or zinc etchestablishes the electrical contact

A REMARKABLE "radio pen," which traces in ink reproductions of cartoons, maps, printed matter or script broadcast from a distant station, has just been perfected by C. Francis Jenkins, inventor of the Jenkins process of transmitting photographs by radio. It is said to be the only existing device capable of tracing ink reproductions on a flat surface by radio.

The apparatus, surprisingly simple in appearance, is a small mahogany cabinet, about eighteen inches square and eight inches in height, and has a tilted top on which are mounted the "radio pen" and guides for holding and moving the paper beneath the ink stylus.

The pen is a metal arm about six inches long, having at one end a steel split pen point of the drafting type, and at the other end a small magnetic box, resembling the ear piece of a headset. This magnetic end is mounted on an axis, per-



Operates on Any Radio Set

Above may be seen the "radio pen" receiver hooked up to a regular radio set. Just over the novel instrument, at the left, is a finished line drawing it has reproduced

> series of levers, so that every movement of a tiny iron bar, mounted so as to re-

place the customary diaphragm, is communicated to the pen, causing it to touch the paper and make an ink mark.

As radio impulses actuate the magnets and depress the bar, the pen also is depressed, and, as it is drawn across the paper by a radio-controlled motor, a line is produced. These

ink lines, properly placed, form the completed picture.

The radio impulses are generated by a similar-appearing machine at the broadcasting station. The difference in the transmitter is that the lines of the original drawing, either done in metallic ink or etched on zinc, form an electrical contact between the points of the tracing stylus, making and breaking an electrical circuit, which is broadcast in the usual way. The drawing is shifted downward after each sweep of the stylus.



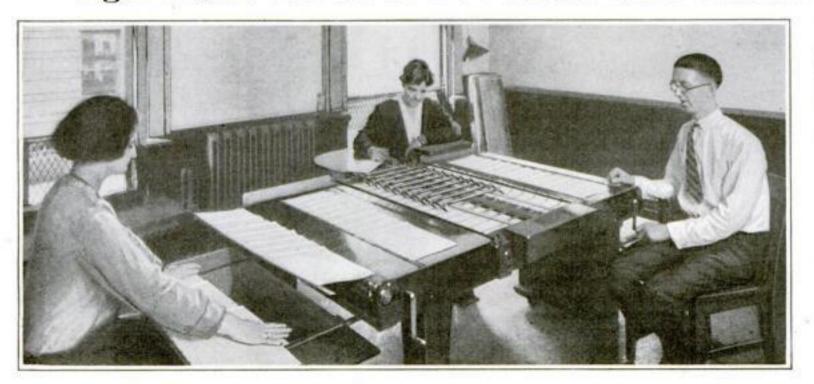
Traces Pictures in Ink

A close-up view of the receiving apparatus of the "radio pen" which reproduces all kinds of line drawings and print broadcast by transmitter

mitting the pen to sweep across the paper in arcs the width of the sheet.

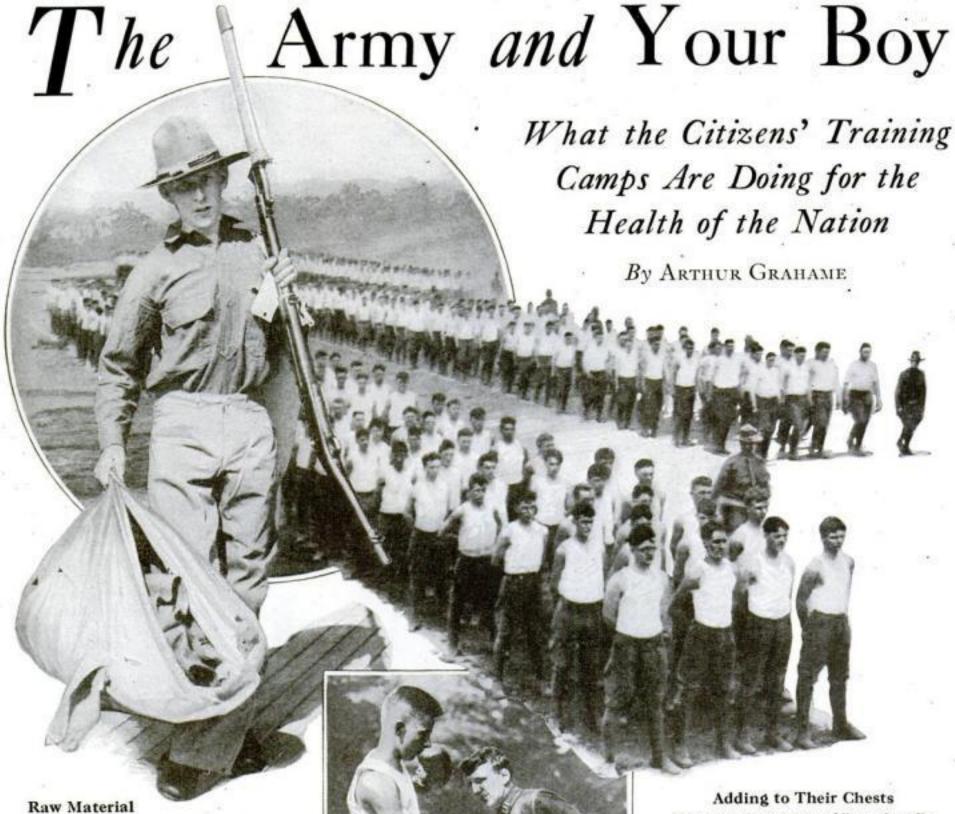
The pen, which is hinged to the arm, is connected to the "ear piece" with a

Signs 11,564 Letters in Two Hours with Unusual Device



SIGNING 11,564 letters in two hours was no exhausting task for Miss Gertrude Robinson Smith, president of a national women's club, aided by an ingenious device called a signagraph.

Each stroke of her pen set in motion twenty little fountain pens, working simultaneously. Two assistants aided her, one to feed letters to the machine twenty at a time, and the other to take them off when they were signed.



Here is a typical "rookie" on his first day in a citizens' training camp—pale, awkward, uncomfortable in his ill-fitting uniform. Before his month in camp is up, he will be transformed into a smart, stalwart soldier

Don't send me home, please don't send me home!

Tell me what I ever did to you,—
Oh, oh, oh, oh! have a little pity!
I'm a poor candidate,
In search of war I roam.
I'm with you in most anything you do,
But please don't send me home!

So, IN plaintive chorus, sang the students attending the war-time officers' training camps nine years ago this summer. Life in these camps was no restful ride on balloon tires, as I can testify from personal experience; but it had so many compensations that one's chief worry was to win marks good enough to keep from being "sent home."

Within a few months, 35,000 young Americans will be spending a month each in the citizens' military training camps that are direct descendants of the first Plattsburg camp, father of the war-time training camps. They will have even better cause to plead not to be "sent home" than did those hard-driven men of the A. E. F. who went before them.

Where He Learned to Box

John Coolidge (left), son of the President, who recently took part in the Amherst College boxing tournament, is seen here sparring with Captain Freddy Welsh, a former champion, at Camp Devens, Mass., last year

In the camps of today, the nerve racking drive of the war camps is absent. Grim-faced learners of the business of war are replaced by grin-faced youths having the time of their lives, for the Army has turned from training youth for war to training youth for peace—to instructing young Americans in the duties of citizenship, to building up their bodies by drill, exercise, and outdoor sports; incidentally giving them without cost a much better vacation, and a more beneficial one, than money could buy.

Every day the amateur soldiers take calisthenic exercises in the open air. The result is that the average gain for each man is thirteen pounds in weight, one fourth inch in height and half an inch in chest measurement

These citizens' military training camps are conducted by the Army under the provisions of the National Defense Act of 1921. They are, as President Coolidge has pointed out, "essentially schools in citizenship." The basic, or first year, course consists of physical training, instruction in the duties and responsibilities of citizenship, instruction in hygiene and first aid, drill, and rifle marksmanship. Less than half the 110 hours of instruction are devoted to purely military subjects.

This summer, soldiering seems destined to have an increasingly beneficial effect on the general health of the nation. Last summer, 33,500 men between the ages of seventeen and 31 attended the camps. More than half of those who applied for admission were high school

students.

A DIRECT result of the thirty days of healthful living and careful training was an average gain in weight of four pounds, an average increase in chest measurement of between one fourth and one half inch, an average increase in

chest expansion of nearly an inch, and an average gain in height—the result of corrected posture—of nearly one fourth inch. Another direct benefit was inoculation against typhoid and paratyphoid, and vaccination against smallpox.

An indirect benefit that is beyond estimate was that every graduate of the camps took home with him a working knowledge of practical hygiene and habits of healthful living. Judging the future by the past, the bettered health of the 35,000 young men who will attend this summer's camps will be well worth the \$2,800,000 that Congress has appropriated for their upkeep.

"THE candidate begins to draw health dividends from the citizens' military training camps the moment he applies for admittance," Major-General M. W. Ireland, surgeon-general of the Army, told me. "In making his application, he must undergo a preliminary physical examination by a local physician. Frequently this is the first real health inventory he ever has received. Often, too, he is told, for the first time, that he possesses remediable physical defects. Minor physical defects of this remediable type are common. Half of the men examined under the Selective Service Act had them.

"In camp, he receives other dividends—inoculation against disease and a physical examination by medical officers especially trained in this work. These examinations have shown that about four per cent of the men sent to the camps have physical abnormalities that would not permit them to undergo military training. They also have shown that forty-four percent of the men enrolled in the camps had minor physical defects which could be remedied.

"B^{UT} it is when be begins his actual training that he draws his biggest health dividends.

"As a rule, the youth who enters a citizens' military training camp is a healthy young animal, ignorant of the means by which his physical well-being may be maintained and improved, and heedless of the future so far as his own health is concerned. Often he is slouchy, careless and soft muscled. Thirty days

later he goes back to civil life well set up, muscular, and with new ideas about the importance of devoting some thought and effort to maintaining his physical fitness.

"I have seen raw, untrained boys and men after thirty days in a camp parade before the President of the United States in a manner that would have been creditable to seasoned troops.

"A Medical Corps officer on duty in one of the middle western camps last year was telling me only a few days ago of the almost magical transformation worked in some of the men and boys who passed under his eye. There was a fat boy of seventeen, for example, whom everybody in camp called 'Tubby.' He didn't want to go to camp, but his father had insisted. His natural physical aversion to effort, coupled with his indignation at what his father had done, made

Army Shoes Don't Pinch

Feet spread and swell under the unusual use they get in camp, so shoes must be fitted scientifically. At right, a medical officer is seen measuring a recruit's foot as it spreads under the weight of the two heavy pails of sand he is seen holding him a poor example of a soldier for a few days. Then he suddenly awakened to the fact that one who shirked in camp became frightfully conspicuous, so he began to enter into the drills and the physical exercises with a little more spirit. Likewise he became conscious suddenly of a queer change in his physical feelings. He didn't know it, but the change was due to the unaccustomed exercise and the absence of sweets from the camp mess.



This typical scene at the Plattsburg, N. Y., camp shows a squad of recruits firing a machine gun at a target some 800 yards away

Playing War

"The fat that he had been accumulating for years began to melt and his clothes became loose. Eight pounds disappeared in the first ten days. At the end of thirty days, Tubby had lost twenty-four and a half pounds—and his nickname. Moreover, he's going back to camp this summer.

"There was another young man, older than Tubby, who went to camp two years ago because he had nothing better to do. He was one of those good-natured lazy fellows who never seem to accomplish much because they never stick at anything long. He had been unsuccessful in school; his business career had been a succession of jobs lost through incompetence. At camp, for the first time in his life, he had to do the things that would build up his body, strengthen his muscles and make a man of him.

"Stimulated by (Continued on page 138)



Long hikes through the woods are part of the routine of every citizens' training camp. They are not taken, though, until the recruits are hardened; otherwise, blistered feet might result

A Dozen Tips on Remodeling

You can find sturdy construction in old ruins, but comfort usually is a result of your ingenuity

By JOHN R. McMahon



Made a Century Younger

This charming Dutch colonial dwelling at Cedar Grove, N. J., was remodeled from the 100-year-old cottage in the picture below

F YOU want a home quickly and at moderate cost, you don't have to build a new house. Buy an old place, move in, and tinker and doctor it up when and as you please. A barn will make a dwelling, even a stable is not to be sneezed at. Frequently the worse the ruin the more chance for a clever job, and the greater the credit for the transformation.

Remodeling old houses is popular in America. Formerly folks were somewhat apologetic about second-hand, tinkered domiciles. Today, thanks to the example of our "best people"-the artistic as well as the moneyed—it is good form to live in an old building. An abandoned church, a lighthouse and a chicken coop have been converted into homes without bringing social stigma.

In the East, colonial ruins are favored. An architect is hired—but not to raise the low ceiling or to multiply the scanty windows or to throw several cubby-holes into a few spacious rooms. He dare not desecrate the makeshifts of our pioneer sires with obvious modernity. His task is to keep everything seemingly two cen-

turies old, while he cunningly hides the essential improvements in plumbing, heat and light. The grand old fireplace yet pretends to be useful, but there is steam heat in concealed radiators. Candles are alight, but the illumination comes from masked electric

Such a house is only excusable as a historical relic. like Ford's Wayside Inn. Our ancestors themselves would laugh at us for squeezing ourselves into their primitive dwellings. It is indeed desirable to keep the general lines of an

When You Remodel:

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- Make a cellar, if there isn't one, by lifting house or digging under.
- Point up or face foundations with rich cement. Additions to walls can-be built down as well
- Replace decayed sills and beams. Inspect all timbers subject to moisture.
- Rebuild old chimney and put in flue lining.
- Leave old shingles on roof, unless too curled. Cover with new material.
- Let outside wall covering stay beneath new siding, shingles or
- If there are no outside sheathing boards, put them inside.
- Equalize floor levels; get rid of a "step up or down." Put new flooring over old.
- Lift low ceilings. Increase light and air with more or larger windows.
- Make larger rooms from cubbyholes by changing partitions.



The New Covers the Old

W. Pearce, 80-year-old mason, plastering a wall in the house shown above. Note the original mortise for supporting crossbeams and the "wane" stud, with the bark still on

old manse, but it is foolish to sacrifice comfort and sanitation for an heirloom

There are arguments on both sides for remodeling versus building. You have to put up with what you find in a new readybuilt house as well as in an old house; and many become dissatisfied with a made-to-order dwelling. Age is not important; the real factors are material, construction and the state of preservation. The present high cost of building is

perhaps the best argument for the old house, reasonably bought. Remodeling should not be as expensive as all new work, and it need not be done all at one time.

Other things being equal, of two dwellings twentyfive and 100 years old, I would be inclined to choose the latter. The more recent house is balloon framed, that is, built of light timbers. The ancient specimen is of heavy construction. The woodwork is often oak, walnut and white pine. On the other hand, the older house generally needs more interior re-



What skill and ingenuity can accomplish was exemplified strikingly in the transformation of this ancient cottage into the modern home at the top of the page

Old Houses



The Good and the Bad in the Homes of Other Days

Old houses are usually of sturdy construction, but, as shown at the left, ceilings and doorways may be uncomfortably low. Above, workmen are shown in the act of removing the old roof from the house on the opposite page after the new roof had been built above it

modeling than the more recent dwelling. Much of the advice given in a previous article of this series on sizing up a new house applies to an old structure. Examine everything from cellar to roof. Figure out how much remodeling you want, and add the probable cost of changes to the price asked for the dwelling. You can get an estimate from a carpenter on the expense of remodeling—and then do as much of the work yourself as possible.

The lack of a cellar is usually the first problem that confronts the buyer of an old house. There are several ways to remedy this. You can dig out the earth under the structure, move it to a cellared site, or raise it to provide a basement. The last is done often to give the living

floor the benefit of dryness, light and view. It may be the only solution where the site is rocky and cannot be excavated.

TT IS best to have raising done by skilled workmen. They know how and have the needed powerful jacks, massive beams and prop timbers. They can elevate a house, chimney and all, without cracking the plaster to any extent or doing other damage. Usually the house is lifted a few inches above the desired height and afterward lowered to rest on the new cellar or basement walls. Such walls generally are built of solid concrete or of concrete blocks. Except for the footings, an eight inch wall is enough, according to government experts, though local building codes may require ten or twelve inches. On firm soil the concrete footings may be eighteen inches wide and a foot deep.

Lately I saw a bungalow raised and provided with a complete basement. Kitchen and bathroom were placed downstairs, and a dumbwaiter carried food to the dining room above. A new foundation was built under the elevated base of the old chimney. An extra tilelined flue was added to the chimney, supported rather ingeniously by a well reinforced concrete shelf.

It is a long established belief that walls must be built from the bottom upward. This is a fallacy, according to a neighbor of mine. He bought a cellarless house whose foundation walls extended about three feet in the ground, and since these were of good concrete he did not want to demolish them in making a cellar. As an engineer, familiar with tunnel work, he was not long in devising a method.

He excavated enough to place wooden props every four feet under the old foundations. Then he dug away the rest of the earth, made forms continuing the old foundations to the level of the cellar floor, and filled them with concrete. The wooden props were left imbedded in the concrete, where they are as imperishable as the material that surrounds them.

OLD cellar walls, laid in lime mortar and even mere clay, can be restored by "pointing up" the chinks with a rich mixture of Portland cement and sand. It is better yet to plaster the whole surface with about two and one half parts sand to one of cement. Where the wall is very uneven, has large chinks, and the site is wet, it is a good scheme to build a vertical form about four inches from the wall and fill with sloppy concrete or grout. Use only small gravel or crushed stone in the mix and ram well in place.

This will fill every crevice and make a smooth, hard, water-tight surface.

The ancient chimney, without flue lining, is a fire menace and is best torn down. Doctoring it with cement outside is not much use. Everyone should know that flue lining, made of special fire-resistant clay, is the only safe material.

The decayed sill, the first and lowest house beam, often resting on a damp foundation wall, may have to be replaced. So too the first floor beams that are exposed to the moisture of the cellar or of the unexcavated ground. Dig in with a penknife and the apparently solid wood shows itself punk. Perhaps the decay is superficial and will not continue with improved conditions of dryness and ventilation. We might replace the worst joists and put a new girder under all, with iron column supports. It would be well to scrutinize the old wooden posts.

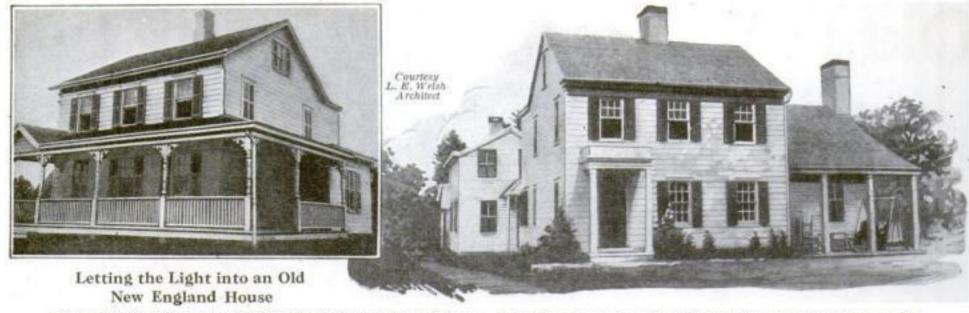
The mystery of why one beam rots quicker than its immediate neighbor was revealed to me recently when I looked over a house of the vintage of the 1830's. The pioneer builder had obtained his lumber from the trees standing around the site and had not been





Courtesy M. B. Moran, Architect

How an ordinary farmhouse at Watermill, N. Y., was remodeled at little expense into a stately colonial home. The taller porch pillars worked a magic change in appearance



The possibilities of the typical old New England house at the left above with its ugly porch that darkens the rooms of the lower floor, were realized when it was remodeled into the comfortable home at the right.

Removing the porch and adding a wing made the house graceful, bright and roomy. If you are lucky enough to find a house of fundamentally sound structure, such remodeling is usually worth-while

particular in his selection. He cut down an oak, next a tulip tree, then hickory, hemlock and sycamore—whatever was handiest. Enough bark was left on the hand-hewn timbers to help identify them. Naturally the perishable whitewood or tulip could not stand cellar moisture as oak does, and some chestnut joists endured much better than hickory.

The more recent dwelling is generally built of uniform material, but this fact should be verified; and uniformity may not spell the best choice of lumber. You are in luck when you find first floor beams of oak, chestnut, spruce, long leaf yellow pine or the like.

WHAT shall we do about the old, leaky shingle roof? It used to be the practice to rip off the old material and shingle new. We now see the advantage in heat and cold insulation, as well as in labor saving, by leaving the first covering on—provided it is not too warped or irregular in surface—and adding a new top. There are many kinds of roofing to choose from, between asphalt, asbestos and copper.

Doubling the top is no mere theory. The old-time shingle roof is only a slight protection against the elements, nothing being under the shingles except nailing strips across the rafters. No wonder icy air flows through the attic in winter and chills the house.

The better sort of roof as built now con-

sists of three layers—matched sheathing boards, next felt and then the final covering. The underwriters tell us that wood shingles are always a fire hazard. If you must have them, select the best quality, extra thick and hand split.

Let the old wall covering of your house stay in place and cover with new siding, shingles or stucco. The usual object of adding a new outer surface is to make up for lack of sheathing and to improve the appearance of the house.

The other day I saw an interesting job of this kind done on a barn converted into a dwelling. A previous occupant had begun to remodel the barn, applying siding direct to wall studs. The present owner decided to add stucco to the lower half and shingles to the upper part of the exterior. For the stucco job he nailed lath vertically a foot apart to the siding.

Have You a Building Problem?

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THIS is the third of a series of articles on home building by an authority of national reputation. To make this series still more helpful, Mr. McMahon places his experience at the disposal of readers interested in home building. If you have a problem, perhaps he can help you. Address John R. McMahon, care POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY, 250 Fourth Ave., New York, enclos-

Then he stapled to the lath galvanized wire mesh of one third inch spaces, and to this he applied the stucco.

ing stamped, selfaddressed envelope

If there is no sheathing on the outside of a house, it is a good scheme to put it inside, if the interior is not lath and plaster, as in the half finished dwelling or summer cottage or extensions. Either put the sheathing directly on the studs or over fiber board. This strengthens the wall and also makes it warm and dry. The inner sheathing may be covered with fiber board or it may be "furred out" and covered with plaster board, wall board or regular lath and plaster. In the latter case a moistureproof building paper should be tacked under the furring strips. Usually common North Carolina pine boards, shiplap style, eight inches wide, serve for sheathing.

THE walls of a frame house normally consist of four layers of material on the studs or uprights—the outer covering, building paper, sheathing and finally some sort of interior surfacing.

An amateur remodeler I know thought he could improve on this combination, and built six-layer walls. The added elements were inside sheathing and beneath it, on the studs, an extra layer of asphalt roofing instead of building paper. For his ceilings he used twice the usual number of materials, that is, first sheathing, then asphalt roofing, next "ceiling" of thin matched boards, finally fiber board. Such a house would withstand the rigors of an arctic climate, and in a mild region takes very little coal to heat in winter and is always cool in summer. A noteworthy feature is the use of inner sheathing to give a rigid back to fiber

> board, which is a rather weak and warpable surface as ordinarily applied to studs or joists. With this method, fiber board stays flat and is as solid as its

If the old house has different floor levels, a step up to the parlor or one down to the kitchen, the levels may be equalized by laying on the old flooring sleepers or joists, on which new floor is nailed. Lowering the original joists and replacing them on the foundation (Continued on page 125)



Courtesy Atlas Portland Cement Co.

Remaking an Old House with the Aid of Cement

These two views of a New Hampshire dwelling, before and after remodeling, illustrate the amazing change in appearance that can be wrought by making a few slight structural changes and finishing the exterior with cement. The methods are applicable also to smaller structures



Only the Daring Work for Him



If YOU have witnessed a circus performance in the last four years, you may have seen the Flying Wards swinging, diving, and pirouetting in the air beneath the dome of the billowing big top, while the circus band played a lilting waltz and the towners on the blue seats gasped and applauded. If you have seen these young men and women gliding gracefully from perch to trapeze bar, to catcher's hands and back to perch again, and nonchalantly taking the chances on broken bones, you have witnessed the "flying return act," feature of the big show.

Eight of the Flying Wards are "working" in a steel rigging suspended over one ring. Eight other Flying Wards are "working" in a similar rigging, suspended over another ring. For twelve minutes they have "stopped the show": they have had the tent to themselves.

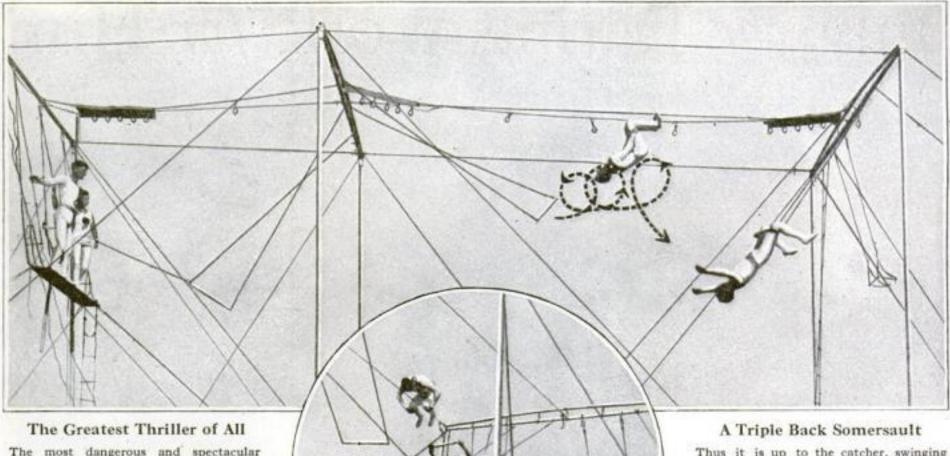
Finally, as they dive into the net

stretched beneath each rigging, swing from the net to the ground, "line up" and "take their bow," you may notice a heavy-set, blond young man with deep chest, thick arms, and broad shoulders glance with approval at the row of trim-built gymnasts in white tights who are sharing the plaudits. That's Eddie Ward, chief of the Flying Wards.

Eddie Ward has been a circus aerialist for twenty-seven of his thirty-eight years. He has "broken" more than fifty boys and girls into his exalted branch of the circus profession. He has more than thirty "fliers" and "catchers" on his payroll. He is one of the master minds in the world of sawdust and spangles. He has earned, saved, and invested his money until he is worth \$150,000. He has made his own way since he was seven years old. And he started on a homemade backyard trapeze!

"You see," says Eddie, "I had to begin supporting my mother and sister when I was seven. I got a job in a meat market and sold newspapers on the side. But I was a healthy kid. Mother's uncle had been a circus performer in Europe. There was a thorn apple tree in our backyard at Bloomington, Illinois. My sister was two years younger than I, but husky, too. We rigged up a trapeze on the thorn apple tree and rehearsed an act.

"We got our first professional job when I was eleven years old. It was at the Atlanta, Illinois, county fair. Our salary for the week's engagement was fifteen dollars. To increase our income, we passed the hat. We took in four hundred and fifty dollars that week. When I turned that fortune over to mother, she told me to quit the meat market and paper route and go into the circus business. I have never passed the hat since then,



The most dangerous and spectacular of all serial tricks—the triple back somersault from trapeze to catcher—is shown above. The flier, whose path is shown by the dotted line, can control his body during the first and second revolutions, but not during the third

but the Flying Wards are the result."

Eddie Ward is one of the greatest
utility men in the business, and is always on the job to see that nothing
untoward occurs. But, in between

times, one gets Eddie's dramatic story.

"I've taken a good many falls in my time," he says. "Sister and I took a lot of them doing our old double-trapeze act. There isn't any net under a doubletrapeze act. When any one lets go, the only thing to hit is the ground.

"I got to studying these falls, generally from a hospital cot, and made up my mind there was no future in the straight trapeze business. The salary was limited, the act was old. Flying return acts were just coming on. I owned ten acres and a house and barn on the edge of Bloomington. I rebuilt the barn and started studying falls into a net. When I learned that there isn't much to falling into a net when you light on your back or shoulders, I framed my first flying return act."

The secrets of success in the flying return act, Eddie naïvely explains, are important though few. All that is required of the fliers or leapers who do single, double, and triple somersaults from trapeze bar to the catcher's hands is perfect muscular control, perfect judgment of time and distance, and the ability to figure on gravity. The requirements for the catchers—and Eddie is one of the catchers—are much the same.

ABOUT the only apparent difference between fliers and catchers is in weight and agility. The fliers must be aerial contortionists who know no fear. But the catchers do the timing. They say "Go" to the fliers. Each catcher, hanging head downward from a swinging trapeze, tells a flier when to leave the perch and when to cast loose from the trapeze bar and fly toward the catcher's outstretched hands.

If a flier, after whirling over and over through the air, is just able to touch his catcher's fingers, that flier is out of luck. Gravity gets him. He keeps on flying and falling until he hits the net—or the ground. That's where Eddie's fine work comes in. He starts his boys and girls right, when they join his kindergarten class.

Even the stars of the flying return act, who are the stars of the gymnastic world, begin professional life as "carpet acrobats," learning back bends, handstands, handsprings, and round-offs. The last are handsprings started facing backward and ended facing forward. They learn backward somersaults on the ground, with a safety belt or "mechanic" strapped around the waist and held by two old-timers. Then they are taken into the rigging and learn to fall into the net and to do flying tricks and fancy dives, still with the protecting belt attached to a block and tackle, keeping them from breaking arms, legs, or necks.

Eddie Ward, student of gravity since he ceased to be a butcher's boy, was one of the first, if not the first, among teachers of circus fliers to rehearse aerial stunts with a safety belt around each flier.

"When I learned the business," he told me, "fliers took long chances when they tried aerial stuff. If they were diving or falling into the net, they might not strike face forward and break their neck, and again they might. If they missed a catcher's hands, they might land in the net on their shoulders and get only a few welts from the ropes, or they might hit it before they had completed a turn, and so break a leg or worse. I don't care who it is, if he gets all jammed up while trying to master a trick his nerve isn't so good after that.

Thus it is up to the catcher, swinging upside down, to calculate exactly just when the flier's body will meet his, for the flier must clasp his wrists while going forty miles an hour. The circular picture shows Eddie Ward, seated on a crapeze, in the act of coaching two acrobats

"When I take the safety belt off, my fliers haven't any fear. They know their business. If they do miss a catch, they usually are clever enough to land right—unless luck is against them."

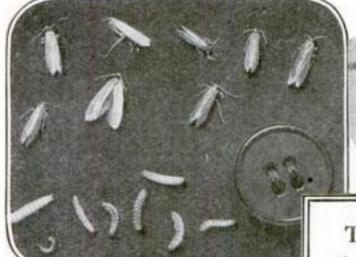
The catcher is the flier's only insurance, for the flier is regarded as a poor risk by casualty companies. As the catcher swings backward and forward on his trapeze, forty feet from the flier's perch, he must know, although he is upside down, when to say "Go" to the flier. He must calculate to a nicety just when and where the flier's revolving body will meet his, for the flier's hands must clasp his wrists while the flier is going forty miles an hour.

THERE are many varying conditions to be considered. It may be a bitter cold spring day with snow on the big top. That slows up the gymnast. It may be a terrifically hot day with a temperature of 135 degrees in the dome of the tent. That means perspiration and slippery hands and wrists, in spite of extra resining and wrist wrapping. Eddie lost the best flier he ever trained because perspiration interfered with a perfect performance, and because the flier was attempting the most desired and dangerous of all fliers' tricks—the triple back somersault from trapeze to catcher.

The flier was Ernest Lane, who had done the "triple back" in circus tents and on fair grounds a hundred times. He had everything to make a flier-splendid control, perfect nerve, ideal weight, extreme agility. But while rehearing for the spring opening at Chicago in 1920, Ernest let go the trapeze a little before he intended to-slipped off, in fact. A flier can control his body during the first and second revolutions, but not during the third. Lane's groping hands, as he flew along, missed Eddie's outstretched hands. Eddie, resorting to an old trick of the (Continued on page 133) trade, struck at

Hungry Moths Cost Us Millions

How to Save Your Clothes from Wool-Eating Pests



Clothes moths (above) and larvae or (below). The worms do the damage by eating the garment. Comparison with the button, which is %e-in. in diameter, gives an idea of their size

By G. B. SEYBOLD

OOD for another winter," you comment with satisfaction as you pack away your

But next fall—will that satisfaction be turned to dismay? Hole here, hole there, in the most conspicuous places! Will your winter wardrobe contribute this summer to the menu of the greedy and destructive clothes The descendants of one

single female moth can destroy 100 pounds of wool a year-equivalent to the wool produced by thirteen sheep. Annual damage done by moths in the United States is estimated at the amazing sum of \$200,000,000.

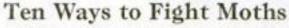
And it is not on wool alone that the moths feed. A fur collar is a nice morsel.



Before putting clothes away, hang them exposed to the sun and beat them thoroughly



Moth balls or flakes packed with cothes in a tight container will kill all the pests



- 1. Before putting clothes away for the summer, inspect thoroughly for moth eggs.
- 2. Hang the clothes in the hot sunshine for a day or two; or press them with a hot
- iron; or soak them in boiling water.

 3. Keep the lid of your cedar chest shut.

 4. Hang clothes where it is light. Brush and shake them twice a month.
- If possible, use air-tight containers such as paper bags, sealed pasteboard boxes, or paper wrapping, for storage.
- Pack clothes with moth balls or flakes. Fumigate moth-infested closets with carbon disulphide or carbon tetrachloride.
- 8. Furs should be brushed, beaten, and aired thoroughly every two or three weeks during the summer.
- 9. When your clothes grow old, give them away. They are fine homes for moths.

Every time you see a moth, swat it.

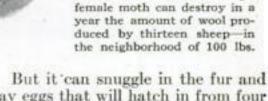


fur helmet. Not satisfied with eating away all the fur, they devoured part of the leather section, too. Note the moth cocoons above the visor

Hair and feathers are special favorites. To outwit your enemy, the clothes moth, you must be on the alert constantly. Now, while storing your clothes, you can fight

The millers flitting about your light are not the guilty ones. They feed on vegetation, and will not touch your clothes. But look further, and in the darkened corners of the room you will find the clothes moth, a small yellowish or buff colored creature that measures only half an inch from tip to tip when its wings are spread.

In itself it is harmless. It won't bother your fur coat, because it can't eat. Its mouth is imperfect so that it cannot chew.



The descendants of a single

lay eggs that will hatch in from four to eight days in the warm spring weather into worms that will do tremendous damage. As soon as the caterpillar hatches from the egg, it begins eating your clothing.

Before you put away your clothes for the summer, inspect them minute-

ly for concealed moth eggs. The tiny white eggs, smaller than a pinhead, crush easily. A thorough beating of your coat will destroy them. Turn the pockets inside out and inspect the seams.

Heat, likewise, will do the work. Hang all your clothes (Continued on page 134)



The simplest precaution is to store clothing in air-tight paper bags, tightly scaled



JOHN K. MARTIN

E. A. Lehmann, the German authority on airship operation and first officer of the Los Angeles on its historic trans-Atlantic

Working side by side with a score of American engineers and designers, these successors of Count Zeppelin, I found, are contributing their expert knowledge gained through long experience in dirigible construction and operation. And all— Americans and Germans alike are intensely bent on fashioning the superairship—a ship to be not only the greatest but the safest ever devised, and to be

NOR do they intend to stop there.

plans carry through, we may see whole

fleets of aerial merchantmen transporting

done. And their confidence, as I soon dis-

covered, finds expression in Litchfield

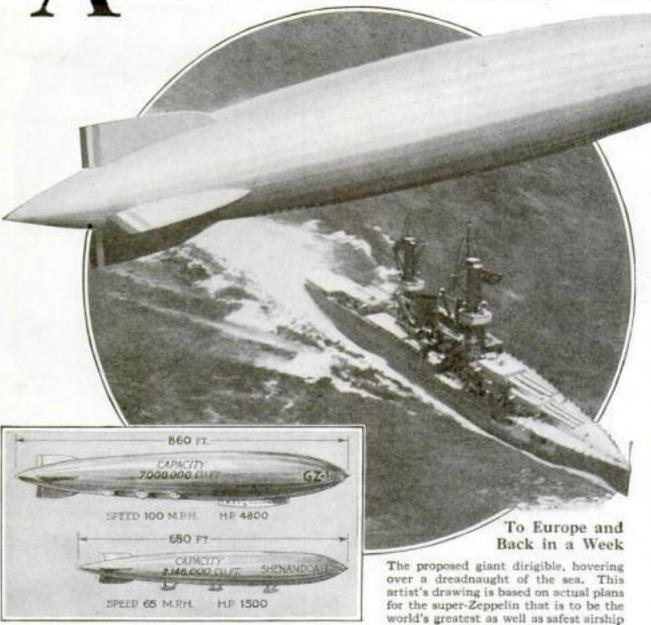
himself, an almost boyish-looking man,

Every man at Akron is certain it can be

freight to every port in the world.

Although the GZ-1 far overshadows any previous airship project, it is no secret that these experts already are considering plans for other ships even larger. And before many years, if their

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EAR the village of Ava, O., lay a storm-shattered mass of wreckage—the ghastly corpse of what had been the world's finest dirigible airship. Torn asunder in the grip of the winds, the \$3,000,000 Shenandoah had crashed to earth, carrying fourteen officers and men to death.

In the wreckage, it seemed, lay the dreams of those of us who had placed in this proud ship our faith in the future of dirigible travel. For in the torn and broken hulk we saw but another repetition of the disasters that had befallen the greatest of the Shenandoah's predecessors. We recalled how the ZR-2, on its trial flight near London in 1921, crumpled and burst into flames, killing all but six of the British-American crew of sixty-six; how the Italian-built Roma exploded above Hampton Roads the next year, killing thirty-four; how the great French dirigible, Dixmude, vanished somewhere over the Mediterranean in 1923 with fifty souls aboard.

We remembered, too, the almost miraculous escape of the Shenandoah on that wild January night in 1924 when the gale tore her from her mooring mast at Lakehurst, N. J., and the equally dramatic runaway of the British R-33 which battled a terrific storm in the North Sea for thirty hours.

A record of tragedy and near-tragedy to discourage even the most optimistic believers in lighter-than-air craft! Yet in the face of it we are told now that in Akron, O., builders are preparing to lay the keel for the greatest airship the world has ever known—a mammoth of the skies nearly three times as large as the Shenandoah!

even possible? How can its designers prevent another disaster even more terrible than those that have gone before?

For an answer to these questions I went to Akron, and there I found a little group of German experts at work under the direction of P. W. Litchfield, one of Ameri-

ca's foremost airship authorities, making of this Ohio manufacturing city the Friedrichshafen of America. There I found Dr. Hugo Eckener, former head of the famous German Zeppelin plant at Friedrichshafen and commander of the Los Angeles (ZRwhen she was delivered across the ocean to Uncle Sam. There, too, is Dr. Karl Arnstein, once chief engineer of the German plant, builder of the Los Angeles and nearly 100 other Zeppe-And with them Captain

How can such a ship be practical or

Photos Goodyear Zeppelin Company

Preparing the gold beater skins for the gas cells of a Zeppelin in the Zeppelin factory at Akron, O. Varnish is applied to the skins to stiffen them and make them more gas-tight. Observe the size of these

flight.

known as the GZ-1.

whose vigorous frame and clear, searching eyes radiate healthy energy, tremendous enthusiasm, and undiscouraged optimism. As general manager of the new American Zeppelin plant, he is the forceful personality which is projecting the superairship, and which purposes to make America lead the world in developing lighter-than-air craft for commerce. He is the Count Zeppelin of America.

"It is entirely possible," he told me, "to build dirigibles of the Zeppelin type Largest Airship

The New Dirigible Is to Be Three Times Size of Shenandoah

many times larger than any yet produced; and it is possible to build them so that they will be absolutely safe. Engineers know that the larger an airship is, the greater is its efficiency in lifting power and cruising range. It is because of this that we have designed the new wonder of the air to eclipse even the two gigantic British ships whose keels will be laid this year.

"THE GZ-1 will be solely a commercial ship. It will be able to circle the globe in any direction. Although it will be nearly three times as large as any previous airship, it will be easier to navigate. As for its safety, our engineering staff, which includes some of the world's leading authorities on the subject, have worked out the details so thoroughly as to exclude every possibility of a serious accident that might destroy it. In fact, we are so convinced of this that we would give a gold bond as assurance of its safety.

"Here is what the new ship will be like," he added, spreading on a table a number of plans and drawings.

If you were fortunate enough to have seen the Shenandoah before her fatal crash, shimmering majestically overhead, perhaps you may gain, by comparison, some idea of the tremendous proportions of the GZ-1. Imagine these two ships sailing side by side, rudder to rudder.



The Zeppelin of America

P. W. Litchfield, one of America's foremost airship authorities, planning to build a dirigible three times as large as the Shenandoah. "Airships can be absolutely safe," he says

The nose of the 860-foot GZ-1 would extend beyond the other the length of a city block. If both ships were resting on the ground, the top of the Shenandoah would reach only halfway up the side of the GZ-1, which will be 150 feet high. If placed on end, the GZ-1 would overshadow the world's tallest skyscraper.

This new aerial giant will hold 7,000,-000 cubic feet of helium, compared with the Shenandoah's 2,148,000. It will carry enough fuel for a non-stop cruise of 6,000

miles. It will be driven at a maximum speed of more than 100 miles an hour, or eighty-five miles an hour against a strong head wind, by eight motors developing 4,800 horsepowermore than three times the power of the Shenandoah and sufficient, the designers say, to buck through the fiercest storm or to make a safe landing in the severest weather.

In shape and general appearance, the GZ-1 will resemble the American dirigible Los Angeles and the two 5,000,000

The Smallest Blimp

The Pilgrim, P. W. Litchfield's private airship, is only 110 feet long. It carries two passengers and is used mainly for research

cubic foot ships which the British government is constructing, except that it will be somewhat slenderer in lines. This feature, it is believed, will make it easier to handle, for the ship will present less surface to a head wind.

"But why," I asked Mr. Litchfield, "are you so sure that this magnificent ship will be any safer than preceding ones, or less likely to end in catastrophe?"

"I'll let Dr. Arnstein answer that," he replied.

This German technician is the chief engineer of the Akron Zeppelin plant, exactly the same position he held at Friedrichshafen. He has every detail of design and construction at his finger tips, and he speaks to the point.

"FIRST of all," said Dr. Arnstein, replying to my query, "we will use a new and improved duralumin metal which will give greater rigidity and strength to the superstructure of the ship. And, in the second place, the structural design of the GZ-1 will be radically different from that of any other yet built. Along the bottom, two corridors of lattice work construction will run the entire length of the ship. Into these 'backbones' will be built the circular ribs, also of latticed construction, which will support the envelope. Between the ribs will be interwoven steel wire bracing, forming a network of fine wires which will add to the ship's rigidity and hold the ribs in place.

"An advantage of this corridor arrangement will be that it will make the interior of the bag accessible from almost any point. Thus if anything should go wrong or any break should occur while the ship was in flight, it could be remedied instantly, preventing the possible development of a serious weakness in the

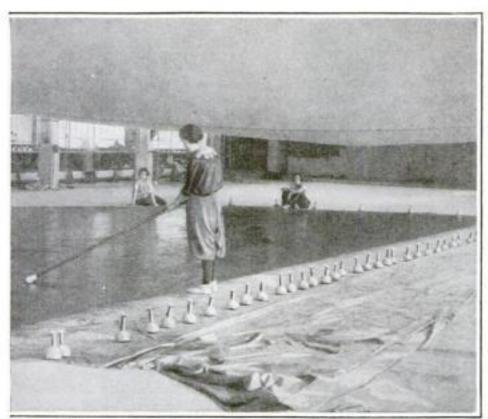
structure."

But probably the greatest factor for safety, he pointed out, lies in the fact that the control cabs all will be built as integral parts of the superstructure, mak-

loose from the ship and cause disaster, as happened in the wreck of the Shenandoah. "Engineers now are able to figure

stresses so

ing it impossible for one of them to tear



bags and the care used in this process to prevent injury to them. The varnish is put on and spread with big soft wads, and the girls working on the job wear soft padded shoes so as not to stretch or tear the fabric

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Dorothy in the crawl stroke, predicts she will break more than one world record



Where Movies Get Their "Props"

One Secret of the Films' Realism

ALL the "props" the motion-picture producer needs, to make his newest picture realistic to the smallest detail, he calls upon great costume companies to supply. In their huge warehouses, they have everything that anyone might want to give a film a perfect setting. Whether it be the elaborate costumes and gorgeous trappings for a wonderful historical production or the simple accessories of slapstick comedies, these companies have them in reserve.

The pictures on this page were taken in the twelve-story building belonging to one of the great costume companies of Los Angeles.





Masks for all occasions are in great demand, and a large supply, like the one pictured above, is generally kept on hand





The gruesome is also represented in the "prop" room. Skulls are frequently called for in medical and ghost stories, and various types are in stock

Every prop must be exact in every detail. The picture at the right shows an expert at work closely inspecting belmet plates for a new picture An enormous stock of bottles, with labels more or less familiar in pre-Volstead days, is kept constantly replenished. They are needed especially for barroom scenes in old-time pictures. The attendant, seen in the above picture picking out some popular brands, is one of the busiest persons in this comprehensive establishment

Odd Bits from the Records

Nitrates from Air, and Other Discoveries



Tutankhamen's Coffin, World's Finest Work of Ancient Art

HERE are two views of the magnificent gold coffin which actually contained the mummy of the Egyptian boy-king, Tutankhamen. Above, Howard Carter, discoverer of the tomb of the Pharaoh, is seen removing the ceremonial oils which had formed into a gummy, pitch-like substance. At the left is the coffin in all its pristine splendor after having been thoroughly cleansed. This splendid work of the ancient goldsmiths' art was the innermost of three human-shaped coffins which fitted tightly into one another. It is more than six feet in length and is beaten out of about \$250,000 worth of the finest gold bullion. It is wonderfully engraved; its filleted surface of intricate designs is inlaid with turquoise, lapis lazuli, and carnelian. Observe the neatness of design, the perfection of form that reveal the highly developed art of the ancient goldsmiths. The coffin represents the youthful king in the form of Osiris, judge of the dead, holding in his hands the whip and the crook, his body protected by the vulture deities, and his legs by the wings of the Egyptian patron goddesses. It has aroused the admiration of artists as well as the interest of scientists the world over

POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY presents on these pages a symposium of some of the most recent ideas and achievements of scientists that bear especially on our everyday lives.

Our World Fifty Years Hence

WE ALL like to speculate about the world of the future, how we will be living fifty years from now, and how our children will live after we are gone.

If population keeps on increasing in the United States as it has increased in the last fifty years, there will be at the beginning of the next century 255 million people here, according to Professor Howard B. Woolston of the University of Washington. When this condition exists, people may have to be content with tabloid flats like those being built in Vienna. With built-in, disappearing furniture, one piece of which vanishes as another comes into view, a young architect there has just succeeded in putting within forty square yards a hall, a kitchen, a sitting room, and veranda.

A Canadian expert in city planning, Noulan Cauchon, gives us his idea of the city of the future. He sees city blocks of those days six-cornered instead of square. Hexagonal blocks, he says, will mean more light and air, and the zigzag streets will reduce automobile accidents.

An ingenious idea for heating the houses of the future by radio has been advanced recently by Professor S. E. Dibble of the Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh, Pa. He hopes to transmit heat by waves just as sound is sent now. The time may come in our own lifetime, he feels, when heat for an entire city or even a whole state will be broadcast from one great central plant.

Outdoor recreation enthusiasts are advocating that the government plant big forests encircling our great cities. These would provide wood, and also playgrounds for people of the cities.

New Tank Car for Helium Gas

THE United States Bureau of Explosives has recently approved a new type of tank for use on railroads in transferring helium gas, one of the most valuable substances in the world, from one base to another. The new tank has a distinctive cylindrical shape, painted black.

The contents of ten of the cars would be enough, it is said, to fill a dirigible the size of the ill-fated Shen-andoah. Should we ever have another war, these helium trains would become a common sight. They need careful guarding, for the gas exerts an extremely high pressure, and a heavy shock or jar would cause a terrific explosion.

Chemists Solve War Mystery

DURING the war, the United States seized a German patent on a method of extracting nitrogen from the air. The Muscle Shoals plant was built to make use of it on a huge scale. Nitrogen and hydrogen passing over hot iron prepared in a certain way, the formula said, would give ammonia.

But the process didn't work. Something had been left out of the formula by the German chemists, purposely. The amount of ammonia derived was too small to be worth-while.

American chemists went to work to discover the missing factor. Now, after years of painstaking research, the Palmer Laboratory of Princeton University announces that if small amounts of alkaline oxides, such as sodium, potassium,

and calcium, are added to the iron, the yield of ammonia is increased enough to make the process commercially valuable.

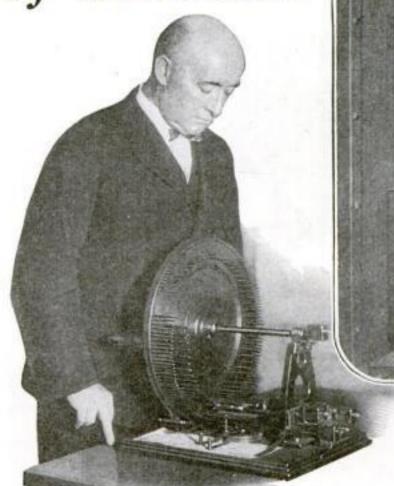


Glass That Can Be Bent
A glass that bends and bounces without
breaking is a new Austrian invention. The

photo, showing a slender rod being bent,

gives an idea of the flexibility of this glass

of Science



Calculator Forecasts Success

This machine, called a "success calculator," does involved mathematical calculations both quickly and accurately. It was invented by Stuart C. Dodd, of Princeton University. Dr. Howard McClenahan, of Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, shown inspecting it

It is a discovery important to every citizen of the United States. It not only will make us independent of the nitrate fields of South America in manufacturing ammunition in time of war, but will lower the cost of foodstuffs. If nitrates can be

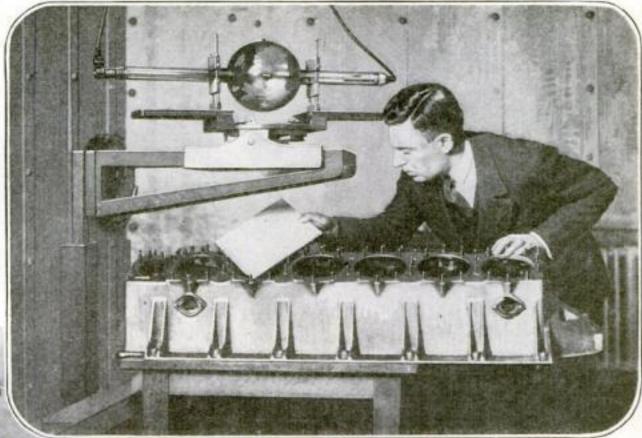
obtained from the air on a large scale, the farmer will be able to obtain fertilizer at much lower prices than at present.

Leaded Gasoline Safe

TETRAETHYL leaded antiknock fuel may now be used with perfect safety in your automobile. Consternation created a few months ago, when reports of its poisonous effects caused it to be withdrawn from the market, is allayed by a report of a special committee of the United States Public Health Service which has been investigating the compound and its consequences.

Two hundred and fifty two men were examined, most of them car owners and users and garage employees in Dayton, O., some of them handling gasoline treated with the lead, and some of them untreated gasoline. The conclusions reached were that the anti-knock compound itself is dangerous in concentrated form and must be handled with great caution, but the treated gasoline is safe to handle and use as fuel.

When the lead compound is again put on the market, it will be labeled "motor fuel" instead



Tired Metal Detected by X-Ray to Prevent Accidents

"Fatigue of metals" is the cause of thousands of serious accidents every year. The metal becomes actually tired out from the constant strain, and finally snaps. To detect this strain in time to prevent trouble, X-ray photography is now employed. The picture shows Professor John T. Norton of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology about to photograph through a crankcase to determine if its parts are tired

of gasoline. Clearly distinguished in this way, you will use it only for fuel and not buy the lead-treated gasoline for cleaning, in which case you might run a risk of poisoning by absorbing lead through the skin.

Anti-knock fuel is the result of years of labor of American engineers and chemists. It is good to know that this improved fuel can be used without injury.



To Study Gorillas in Africa

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Akeley, noted explorers, photographed just before they sailed on their latest expedition to Africa to spend eleven months in the study of human characteristics of gorillas

Total Eclipse Here in 1932

If YOU missed seeing the last total eclipse of the sun, in only six years you may have another chance. Last year in January, when the sun's darkening was witnessed by millions of people in the United States, we were told that the path of totality would not fall across our country again for a century. Now, new calculations based on the most recent lunar tables show that an eclipse in 1932 will cross Canada from the northwest and

go down through the New England states, passing out to the Atlantic through Massachusetts.

Observations made by the expeditions to Sumatra recently, on the total solar eclipse, on the whole were reported satisfactory. Good photographs were obtained, but it will take months of study before definite results can be announced. The corona, the astronomers report, was the regular round shape, and some very large prominences were said to be visible.

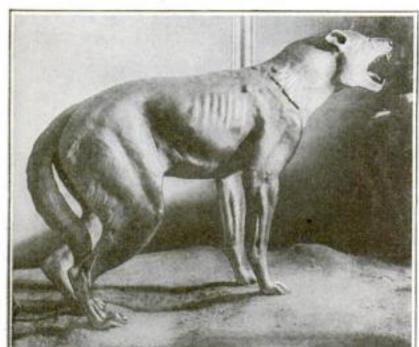
Why Chicks Can Walk

IT TAKES a baby months to learn to walk. But watch a chicken! The minute it pops out of its shell, it struts about, managing its legs without the least effort.

This does not mean that newborn chickens are more intelligent than new-born babies. It merely indicates that balancing and standing are automatic in the chicken and not in the baby. The latter has to use its brain to control its legs. Recent experiments at the University of Chicago show that the chicken's balancing is governed by reflex action, needing no brain at all.

Yale Professor Clothes Ancient Fossils with Life Forms

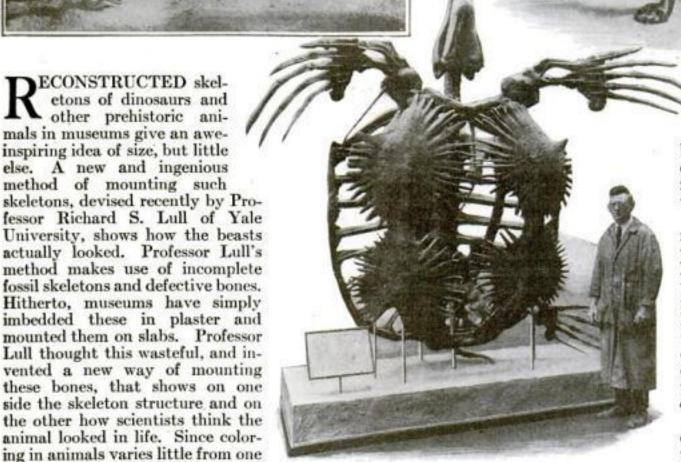
Strange Animals of the Past "dire wolf" of the Stone Age, reconstructed by a remarkable new process, is shown at left as it probably looked when alive; at right, in the skeleton form



ECONSTRUCTED skeletons of dinosaurs and other prehistoric animals in museums give an aweinspiring idea of size, but little else. A new and ingenious method of mounting such skeletons, devised recently by Professor Richard S. Lull of Yale University, shows how the beasts actually looked. Professor Lull's method makes use of incomplete fossil skeletons and defective bones. Hitherto, museums have simply imbedded these in plaster and mounted them on slabs. Professor Lull thought this wasteful, and invented a new way of mounting these bones, that shows on one

painted according to type. Skill and care are required for

century to another, the skin is



Skeleton of a three and a half ton turtle, the largest known. On exhibition in the Peabody Museum of Yale University

this restoration work. Expert knowledge is needed of the functions of the muscles and bones, in order to build up the flesh correctly. While help may be gained from study of modern animals, yet the skeletons show certain differences.

An interesting example of this novel reconstruction is the "dire wolf" in the Peabody Museum at Yale in New Haven, Conn. The skeleton of this "dire wolf," a giant relative of the modern timber wolf, was found in the Rancho la Brea tar pits, Los Angeles, Calif. In these asphalt pools animals of prehistoric days were engulfed, and died, their bones remaining to tell their fate and give a picture of their day.

In the new Peabody Museum, recently opened to the public, is one of the finest fossil collections in the world. It has been used in an exhibition of evolution in living things from onecelled animals to man himself.

New Powerful Swiss Narcotic Is Entirely Harmless

alleviation is one of the most important tasks of modern medicine. Recently, Dr. Maurice Sandoz, of the University of Lausanne, Switzerland, succeeded, it is claimed, in producing a substance termed "tricaine" which is remarkable for its rapid narcotic effects. On cold-blooded creatures, such as fish, frogs or salamanders, two to six minutes in a one tenth percent solution of tricaine induces total insensibility. In this condition, the animal can be examined through the microscope, and the fascinating spectacle of the blood's circulation watched in all its phases.

If the animal is left a few minutes longer in the narcotic solution, it becomes perfectly immovable, apparently lifeless. Wrapped up in moist cotton wool, it can be conveyed from

THE invention of efficient and harm-less narcotics for anæsthesia and pain Dr. Sandoz, of Lausanne University, examining a fish which is under the influence of his new narcotic. Above, the fish wrapped in gauze for handling more conveniently

one place to another. Immersion in ordinary water revives it immediately. The new narcotic is important in biological work in that its use permits the study of animals without vivisection.

A solution of tricaine diluted beyond ten percent exerts no soporific effect. An injection of one cubic centimeter of one percent tricaine solution insures sufficient insensibility to render

minor surgical operations of one to two minutes' duration entirely painless.

Tricaine, which, unlike cocaine, is said to be entirely harmless, can be administered internally in large doses to alleviate intense pain. It has also been used with success, it is said, in dentistry, a mere external application being sufficient to make the gums so insensitive that, for instance, crowns can be fitted without any pain.

Giant Cranes in Record Feats

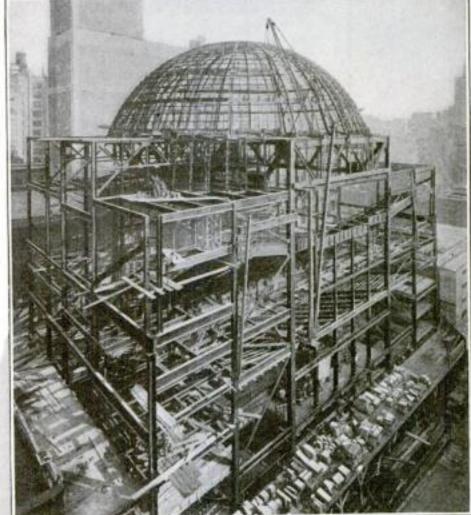
Huge Girders Test Ingenuity of the Skyscraper Builders

EIGHT stories above New York's busiest thoroughfare a gigantic steel girder, weighing 144 tons, swayed gently in the grip of two enormous mechanical arms. While straining engines snorted, the huge metal beam slowly settled until its ends rested on the tops of two slender steel columns 120 feet tall. There, fitting perfectly to the smallest rivet hole, it was quickly bolted fast. The first of eight massive trusses—probably the largest ever lifted to such a height—thus became a vital part of the steel skeleton for the Paramount building, one of



Arms Stronger Than a Thousand Men

Lifting the first of eight 144-ton steel girders into its place 120 feet high on the Paramount building. This is probably the heaviest girder ever lifted to such a height. To accomplish this extraordinary feat, two huge derricks mounted on a traveling platform were used for the work



A Dome of Steel

An enormous domed roof 108 feet in diameter presented a new problem of steel construction which builders solved successfully in erecting the new Mecca Temple in New York

Within the last year, novel departures in design have presented new problems that have taxed the resourcefulness of engineers. In the case of the Paramount building, the auditorium will be without central supporting columns. Beams and trusses must span 120 feet and at the same time support a roof and gallery.

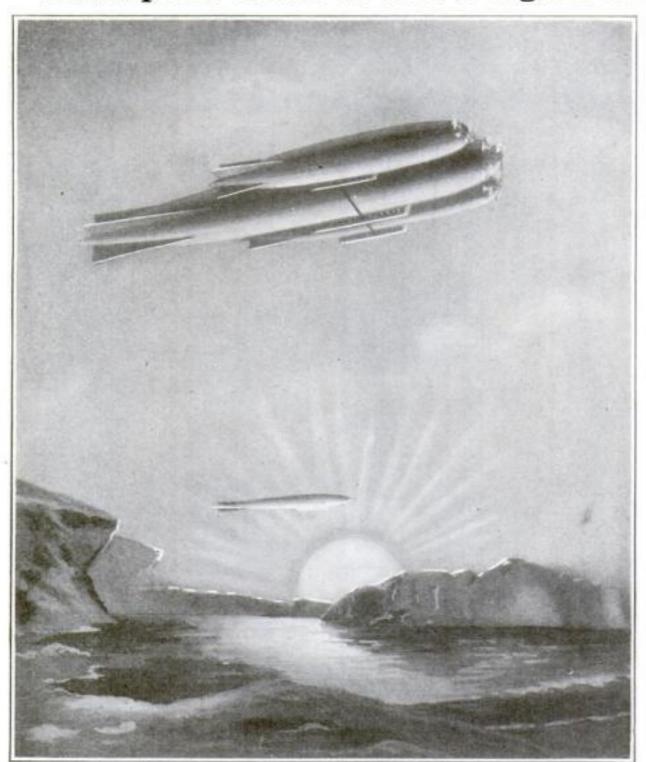
TO MEET this need, the great 144-ton trusses, each sixteen feet high, were constructed. To get an idea of the lifting power of the derricks which hoisted these trusses, consider that it would take 1,000 men, each capable of lifting 300 pounds above his head, to budge one.

An equally difficult problem was presented in the construction of the Mecca Temple in New York City. In it there is a columnless auditorium seating 5,000 persons, and

also a steel domed roof 108 feet in diameter and thirty-seven feet high. Supporting this dome are sixteen steel arch ribs.

Other projects include the new Madison Square Garden, with an auditorium capacity of 19,000, and the Level Club, which is to have an auditorium 135 feet wide four stories above the ground, supporting twelve stories above it.

Stormproof Three-in-One Dirigible Invented by German



Flying over the Top of the World Unharmed by Icy Winds
In this picture the artist gives his conception, based on plans, of the new German threeunit dirigible cruising placidly and safely over the frozen stretches near the North Pole

Marimba Vibrato Produced by Electric Fans

SOMETHING new for the busiest man in the orchestra—the drummer—is a steel marimba with an electrically operated vibrato. The instrument, just produced by a manufacturer of drums and percussion instruments, is being introduced in the modern orchestra and on radio programs. It is said to be easy to master, and its vibrato makes it unnecessary to roll with the hammers. Chords, arpeggios and octaves create

beautiful effects, and the tone produced compares with the pipe organ, it is claimed. It has great volume and carrying power.

The vibrato of the steel bars is produced by electrically controlled rotating fans, one in each resonator. The speed control lever on the motor enables the performer to set the vibrato to suit the character of the number played—producing a true vox humana effect in the steel marimba.

The new instrument is especially designed for use in accompaniments or obbligatos in songs and modern lyric music.



A NEW type of super-airship which is composed of three units, a parent ship and two smaller ships, one at each side, has been designed by Baron Boris von Loutzkov, of Berlin, a noted German aircraft and motor engineer. Its inventor claims that it will be absolutely storm-proof. He bases this claim on its peculiar shape, which he believes will make it less easily buffeted about by the elements. Its shape, he says, will also make it more manageable than a single unit.

This great ship is to be fitted with powerful engines, will be capable of terrific speed, and have an enormous

carrying capacity.

Baron von Loutzkov's ship is actually three ships, for each unit is separate and complete in itself, and is joined to the others with steel cables. In case of accident to one or even to two units, the inventor declares, all hands can be transferred to the undamaged part by means of gangplanks that run between the units, and the defective ones can be cut loose. This feature, he says, makes his ship three times as safe and trustworthy as an ordinary dirigible,



A Storm Door from a Screen Door

A NEW use for snaps has been found by a manufacturer who has applied the idea to convert screen doors into storm doors. For the winter, a specially treated covering is snapped on and the result is an excellent storm door. When spring comes, the covering is removed, and the screen door reappears.

In this way the screen door can remain up all year and at all times be protected from the weather. A small window in the storm covering allows the person inside to see who is calling before opening the door. The cover may be attached to any screen door.

Vesuvius seldom sends lava flows over the rim of its crater; the hot liquid usually break out on its sides,

Huge Dam to Form Mountain Lake for Water and Power

GREAT tracts of land in California have hitherto been unworked because water has been lacking. This handicap of nature is being overcome, however, by irrigation from great water basins in the nearby mountains.

The picture at the right shows the gigantic dam of one of these now being erected in the High Sierra mountains of California. It is called the Great Exchequer dam. When completed it will measure 950 feet in length and 326 feet in height, and will form a lake twelve miles long. Three hundred and eighty thousand cubic feet of concrete will go into this gigantic barrier.

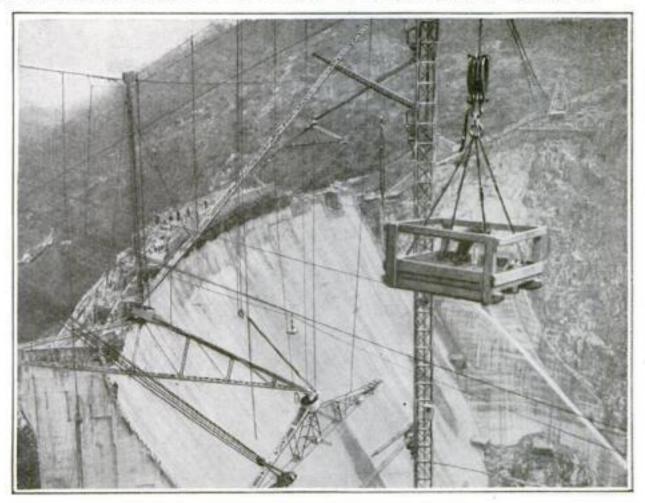
The water stored in this lofty reservoir will be used not only for irrigation purposes, but also to provide the territory it serves with electric power and light. Water and electricity entering the new farm lands at the same time will open a new chapter in the history of reclamation.



New Oars Let Rower Face Bow

TO KEEP a rowboat headed for a certain point as one rows with one's back to the bow, requires skill and constant turning of the head.

The newly invented reversible oars, shown in the picture above, enable a rower to face the bow and row ahead as if his back were to it, or to face the stern as with ordinary oars, it is claimed. The oars will fit in any standard oarlocks, or the device that makes them reversible may be attached to ordinary oars.



A Painless Tooth Drill

THE nerve-racking, painful drill that the dentist uses to bore into a throbbing tooth will cause patients no further worry when a new type of drill recently invented in Germany comes into general use, it is asserted. The new instrument has a cocaine needle combined with a drill. The cocaine, under pressure from the dentist's finger, flows into the hole,



deadening the pain as the dentist drills in. The new drill has received many tests, all said to have been successful.

MY ONLY objection is that POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY isn't a weekly.—O. E. G., Durham, N. C.

How Much Do YOU Know About Science?

bank building in Baltimore.

DIRTY-FACED stone buildings now can be steam cleaned so that they look almost as

good as new. In a series of tests recently conducted by the United States Bureau

of Standards, live steam cleaning was

first tried successfully on dirty stones in

the laboratory, and then on a twentyyear-old accumulation of dirt on an old

HOW many of the following questions can you answer? Here is a real test of what you actually know about the phenomena of nature you are witnessing every day. None of the questions is hard, and all concern things you ought to know. Try off-hand to answer them, and then turn to page 143 for the correct answers to see how near right you were.

- Why does fast music make you feel more active?
- How did ancient surgeons produce anaesthesia for operations?
- 3. What is distilled water?
- 4. How do we know that the sun rotates on its axis?
- 5. Does the sun affect the tides?
- 6. Why can you beat up white of egg into a froth though you cannot do this with water?
- 7. What makes the undertow at the sea beach?
- 8. How does a caterpillar turn into a butterfly?9. How do bacteria assist in
- the manufacture of linen?

 10. Why does salt make us thirsty?

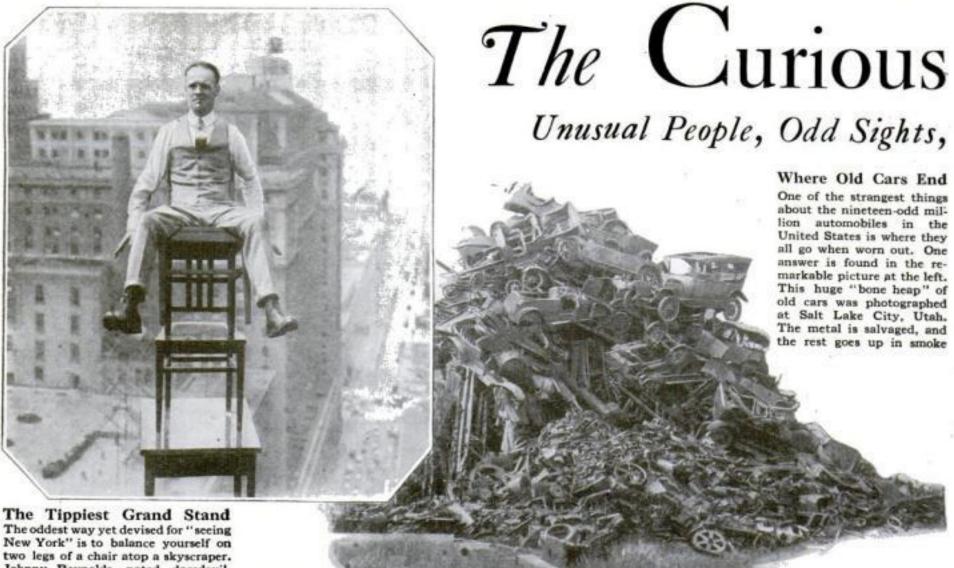
This Machine Cuts and Loads Corn Stalks



New tractor clearing field of shocked corn

IN THIS mechanical age practically all the work in the fields can be done from the seat of a tractor or other motor-driven machine.

The photograph at the left shows one of the latest additions to the farmer's machinery, a remarkable motor contrivance that goes through a field of shocked corn, cutting the stalks into pieces for feed, and also loading them on the wagon.



Johnny Reynolds, noted daredevil, recently did that very thing on this dizzy roof, proving himself to be a decidedly well-balanced gentleman



A Hard-Wear Dress

Miss Mary Tidwell of Tampa, Fla., has set the most unusual fashion. She wears a dress of screen wire fringed with bottle brushes. Skirt decorations are pot racks, while locket and necklace are a padlock and dog chain. The hat is a strainer, trimmed to mode



They're All Birds

The island of San Martin, off southern Peru, has the most extraordinary population on earth. It consists chiefly of Guanayes birds-hundreds of thousands of them. Man and animal have hardly elbow room, as you can see

Dog Locomotives

The only railroad operated entirely by dog power runs northward from Nome for ninety miles. It is known as the Dogmobile Road. Eight dogs can haul a quarter of a ton of freight from forty to fifty miles a day, and seemingly enjoy it



World's Largest Checkerboard

Now the time-honored game of checkers assumes its place with golf as a mild form of exercise in Clearwater, Fla., where the huge squared "board" shown at the left has been laid out in black and white cement on the pavement. Here old-timers match their wits, playing championship matches with large flat disks which they push about with rods. Whose move is it?

"Cold Light" Obtained with Liquid Lens



The inventors of the "liquid lens," holding and gazing into a powerful light made "cold," and consequently safe, by their device

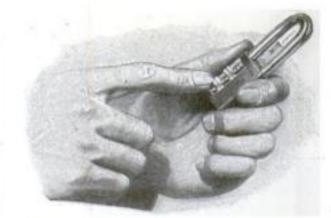
TIGHT without light," is obtained with a "liquid lens," by three Massachusetts inventors. Light that unfiltered would burn the skin or ruin the evesight, now can be approached without injury, it is claimed.

Various liquids are used for the lens, but the commonest is copper sulphate glycerine. It has been adapted to ultra-violet ray treatments and motionpicture apparatus.

Her light fingers make it

possible for this girl to as-

semble switchboard cables



Lock Has 1024 Combinations

THIS new lock has no key, but is said ■ to fasten more securely than one with a key. That means the owner, who knows the combination, need have no worry about his key. As long as he remembers the combination, which he has chosen himself, he can open the lock.

The combination is controlled by a series of ten rings contained within the padlock and capable of 1024 combinations, of which the owner may take his choice. The combination may be changed at any time. Since it is worked by touch, the lock after a little practice may be opened quickly in the dark.

Tailors' Dummies Move Heads

UMMIES that move their heads, lips, and eyes by means of electric motors concealed within them, have been devised by Paris tailors to make their models lifelike.

The faces of the dummies are made of a new substance called staff. This is a mixture of fiber and plaster that is said to be far

less brittle than the usual wax and to make possible more natural coloring.

Women Skilful at Electrical Work EFT fingers that handle del-

icate objects with skill and speed have helped women to get unusual jobs in many electrical manufacturing plants. In the Western Electric Company, scores of women are employed in making, inspecting, and assembling parts.

Some make the diamond-dies used in drawing the finer sizes of wire. Others attach the filaments in tiny lamps used on telephone These filaments switchboards. are about one sixteenth the diameter of a human hair, and the work on them has to be done under microscopes. Splitting sheets of mica to .0008 of an inch thick, or

flimsier than the thinnest gold leaf, is another job that has been entrusted to the light touch of women's fingers. Women are also employed to wind coils and operate presses.

At the right, a girl expert is shown assembling cables on a local switchboard.

Door Knob Turned by Foot

Discarded Grindstones Make Fine Walls

NEW use for old, worn-out grind-A stones has been discovered by a large Philadelphia hardware manufacturing They make excellent walls, concern. either in their original shape or cut into blocks. Broken up, they are excellent for

A wall several blocks long, around two sides of the 65-acre tract occupied by this factory, is built of these stones. A third side, along the Delaware river, has a massive retaining wall also of grindstones. Still more grindstones were used to build

around the plant and the retaining wall on the river front.

In the retaining wall, the stones were used just as they were discarded from the factory, but for the wall around the plant and for the church the stones were carefully squared. No one looking at church or wall ever would imagine that they were built of grindstones.

Old grindstones also have been used as the foundation for roads about the factory.



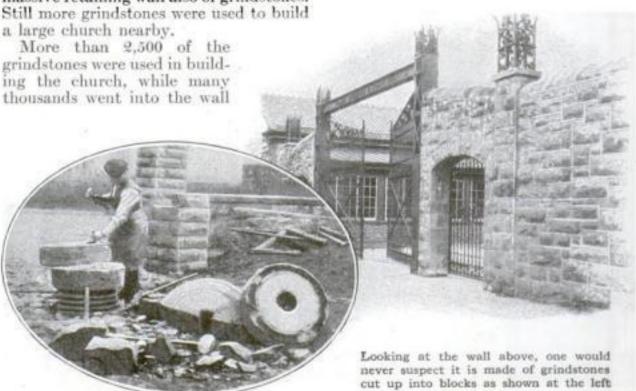
Chain Turns the Knob

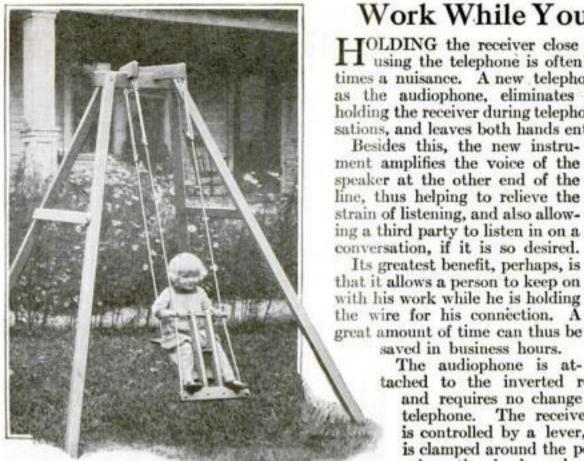
I F YOU have ever tried to open a door while your arms or hands were full, you will look with favor on a new invention that enables one to open door without grasping the knob. Stepping on a foot trip automatically turns the knob, and a slight push opens the door.

The device, which fits on any door, consists of a chain attached

from the door knob to a small foot trip fastened on the bottom of the door. When this trip is pressed down with the foot, the chain turns the door knob.

The new device, in making the opening of the door easier, will also put an end to kicking and denting the bottom of the door to call someone inside.





A Swing That Children Can Push Themselves

NEW push-yourself swing is de-A lighting small children who want to swing when there aren't any grown-ups or other children around to give them a boost. Children as young as two and one half years can use it. It has a seat like a kiddie car, a handlebar, and a rest for the feet. Pushing alternately with the feet and hands makes it go.

wherever the ropes can be fastened inshown in the photograph above is used.



Your telephone receiver stays on the hook while the telephone is in use with this new device

Measures High Temperatures

THERMOMETER recording 1800 degrees, or nearly twice as many as can be registered on any mercury thermometer, has been devised. The tube is of clear fused quartz and is filled with gallium, a rare metal with high boiling point which has never before had any practical application.

Thermo-couples, up to the present, had to be used to measure temperatures higher than those recorded by mercury thermometers, but it took an engineer or a chemist to operate these. The new instrument, developed by the research laboratory of the General Electric Company, can be used by anyone. It is shown at the left.

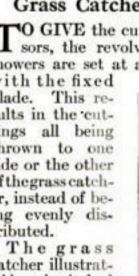
A RECORD for comets discovered was made in 1925, during which eleven were noted by astronomers in various parts of the world. Some were hitherto unknown, while others were historic visitors returning for their periodic appearances. The nearest approach to this record in recent years was in 1921, when seven were found.

Grass Catcher Fills Evenly

TO GIVE the cutting effect of a scissors, the revolving knives of lawnmowers are set at an angle of about 20°

with the fixed blade. This re-sults in the cuttings all being thrown to one side or the other of the grass catcher, instead of being evenly distributed.

The grass catcher illustrated here is pitched at an angle, and lies directly in the path of the falling grass. None is spilled, and the catcher is filled uniformly. A partition inclined toward the front keeps grass from pushing out again after it is once caught.





The swing may be attached on the porch or indoors in attic or basement, dependently. For the lawn, the frame

Self-starting foghorns that begin to blow whenever a thick mist gathers have been invented in France. The device is set in motion by the action of the damp air on calcium carbide. It has been successfully tested, it is said, in several French ports where fogs are frequent.



saved in business hours. The audiophone is at-

tached to the inverted receiver, and requires no change in the

telephone. The receiver hook

is controlled by a lever, which

is clamped around the post and

raises the hook and receiver

Free Shade Provided for Automobilists

AUTOMOBILE gasoline and service stations have been giving free air these many years. But now comes a considerate gas station proprietor who is providing free shade for tired, sweltering motorists. Out in the West, where trees

are few and far between, this service is sure to be appreciated.

The shed, with its sign of invitation, shown in the picture below, was erected in Bradley, Calif., and is giving relief daily to hundreds of grateful, jaded patrons.



This "free shade" station offers welcome relief to motorists on sun-baked roads

Interesting People;

America's Youngest Pilot

THE youngest licensed air pilot in the United States is said to be Farman Parker, fourteen years old, of Anderson, Ind., who recently passed the necessary tests with distinction. He has been flying for many years with his father, who is

a pioneer aviator, and had no difficulty in obtaining a license.

Farman was born in St. Paul, Minn., but has lived most of his life in Indiana. The picture at the right shows the young aviator standing in front of the plane that he uses in making his flights.

AN ELEPHANT'S tusk filled with gold was discovered recently by a group of explorers in Alaska. During the centuries the tusk became buried and fossilized and gold nuggets were imbedded in the ivory. The



"Red" Smith turning a bat handle

Young Giant Engineer Runs Miniature Train

He stands seven feet four in his stockings

THE interesting photograph above shows the youngest and tallest locomotive engineer, Jack Farl, of Venice, Calif., and the smallest engine on the Pacific coast. Jack and the engine which he runs are among the principal attractions of Venice. The contrast, as seen in the picture, is amusing.

Jack, who is only fifteen years old, stands seven feet four inches in his stocking feet and weighs 237 pounds. He is still growing. The longest overalls he could find were more than a foot too short, so he had to have pieces added to the bottoms of the legs. If you look closely at the picture you can see the seam in them.

Fine Violins Made in Home Workshops

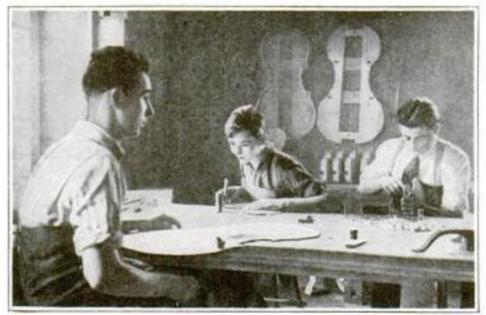
LARGE factories turn out every year thousands of violins made of the finest woods, thoroughly seasoned, exact replicas of the old masterpieces in every

detail. Yet for all the care in their manufacture, they fail to approach in quality the fine old instruments of Stradivarius, Amati, Guarnerius, and the other great masters of the Cremona school.

When the old masters died, the secrets for the production of these wonderful violins died with them, but certain of the traditions of fine violin making have lived on and still flourish at Mirecourt, France, which is now the violin center of the world.

The Mirecourt violins, which are the nearest rivals of the old master instruments, are made not in large factories but in home workshops such as the one seen in the picture below.

There all the parts are fashioned and
put together by hand with all the patience
and care of the old masters.



Making violins in a home workshop at Mirecourt, France



Old Baseball Star Makes His Own Bats

LAST year "Red" (J. Carlisle) Smith, former National League baseball star, led the Southern League in batting. This year he hopes to repeat with bats of

his own making. In the picture at the left he is turning a bat handle on a lathe under the guidance of C. M. Hughes, a noted bat maker of the South, at Atlanta, Ga.

"Red" was the star third baseman of the sensational Boston Braves in 1914 when they walked off with the World's Series four games straight. He has been out of the major leagues for some years, but is still going strong in the minors.

Grafts New Eyes on Animals

AFTER several years' experiments, Professor E. Guyenot of the University of Geneva has succeeded in creating sight in animals and hopes soon to extend his work to human beings. He

chose tritons as the subjects of his important experiments.

The optic nerves of the tritons were cut and the eyes extracted. Then, after a certain period, he grafted new eyes in the orbits of the original ones. In eighty-four cases he has worked on during the past eleven months, only three have been complete successes, but these three prove conclusively, he claims, that he is on the right track.

Grafting eyes on inferior vertebrates, he says, is not more difficult than grafting heads, tails or legs on them, since it is possible to renew a connection with the brain. Their Unusual Jobs

He Made This Tractor Himself

A HOMEMADE tractor of novel construction is the proud possession of G. F. Erikson, a pumping station engineer of Bowdle, S. Dak. With the exception of the engine and the transmission, it is entirely his own work.

The power for the tractor is furnished by two Model T Ford engines which he has connected tandem fashion, so that the single crankshaft receives two impulses on each revolution. The wheels, frame, drive pinion, ring gear, and all the other parts of the tractor Erikson made himself in his home workshop, where he works evenings, when his day's work at the pumping station is over.

In the picture at the right, Erikson is seen proudly driving his odd-looking but efficient tractor out of the shed.



Music Lesson atop a Bridge

TAKING chances is not confined to any one class of workers. The picture above shows Ross Gorman, a New York saxophone teacher, giving at the risk of his life a lesson to August Sarentino,

a painter, high up on Brooklyn Bridge, New York City, where Sarentino is working.

Perched high on the swaying cables, Sarentino runs his scales while the teacher holds music for him. The lessons are given during the pupil's lunch hour, and to save time the teacher climbs up the rigging to the place where Sarentino is painting.

Apartment house dwellers who have to suffer from beginners' efforts on musical instruments will approve heartily of the idea. If one must learn to play a saxophone, it is hard to imagine a better place to practice, say they, than on a high bridge,



Noted Potter Fires Kiln Only Once a Year

WHAT Wedgwood is to chinaware, that Delaherche is to pottery, the finest of its kind. The French pottery is remarkable for its wonderful glaze, its perfect shape, and its exquisite coloring.

Comparatively rare, it is much sought after by collectors, and is accordingly high priced.

While many know and admire this pottery, few know anything of its maker and its manufacture. It is made by Auguste Delaherche, an old Frenchman who lives at Armentières near the town of Beauvais, famous for its tapestries. All his pottery is made from clay that he digs in his own garden. And he has ideas of his own about his work.

Throughout the year he makes a considerable number of objects, each unique in its way, but he fires only once a year. At this time he stands by the kiln for thirty hours without sleep, to be sure of an even heat. Even heat, he says, is the secret of the wonderful glaze that makes his work stand out from all others.

Delaherche is shown in the picture at the right sitting in front of his kiln. Because of his high proficiency, he has been called the Della Robbia of the century, and the master potter of the world. But he is something of a philosopher, too, and many visitors seek him out to listen to his shrewd remarks, based upon years of observation and sound thinking.



Capitol Gavel Maker Busy When Congress Meets

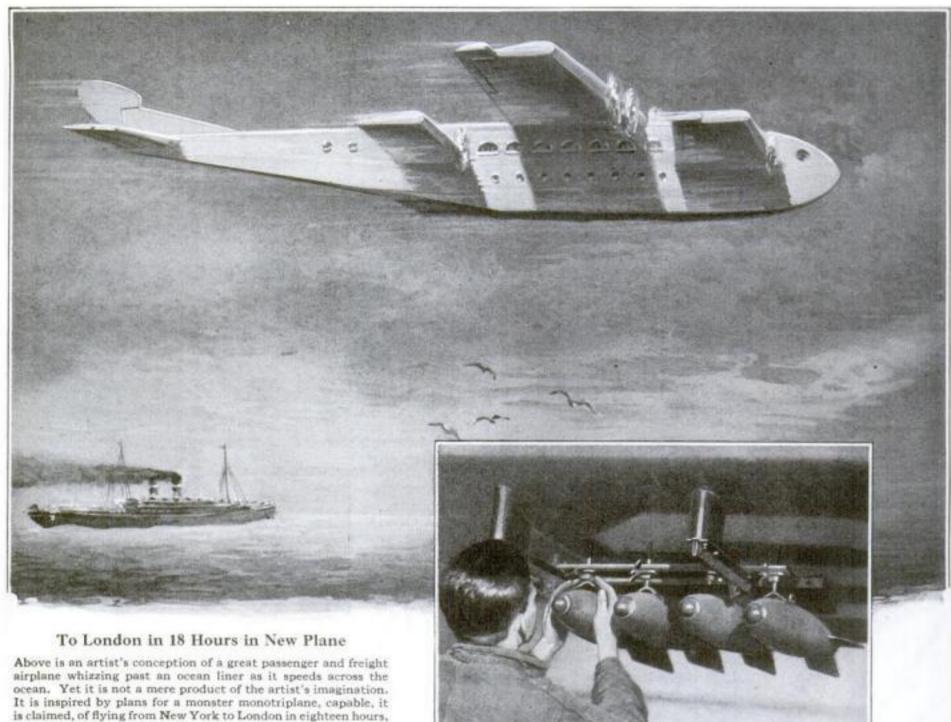
FOR twenty years, J. C. Pakin has been official gavel maker of the Capitol at Washington. During that period he has made all the wooden mallets used by the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

Although the gavels are made of the most durable wood obtainable, in the excitement of debate they frequently are broken in the speaker's endeavors to restore order, and the gavel maker is usually pretty busy keeping a sufficient reserve supply on hand. In the photograph Pakin is shown working on a new gavel head, which he is turning on his lathe.



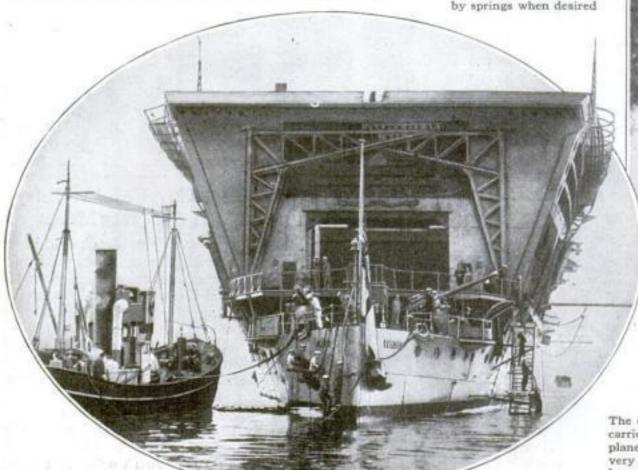
J. C. Pakin making a speaker's gavel

Making History in the Art



Above is an artist's conception of a great passenger and freight airplane whizzing past an ocean liner as it speeds across the ocean. Yet it is not a mere product of the artist's imagination. It is inspired by plans for a monster monotriplane, capable, it is claimed, of flying from New York to London in eighteen hours, designed by Dr. Armin de Muth, a German inventor. Models of the plane have been tested by Professor Edward P. Warner of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Dr. de Muth's plane, which is soon to be constructed, will be all metal and unsinkable. Its length will be 147 feet, and it will have a carrying capacity of fifty passengers and two tons of freight

The small bombs, above, are carried under the planes and are released by springs when desired



Army Tests Its Bombers

At the recent target practice at Mather Field, Calif., army bombing planes made some marvelously accurate shots from very great heights. Perfect hits, such as the one shown above, were made with surprising frequency

Ship a Complete Flying Field

The queer-looking ship at the left is the giant aircraft carrier, H. M. S. Furious, mother ship of the scout planes of the British Atlantic fleet. It has a high and very wide deck that forms a large flying field, and beneath this are hangars where planes are stored and repaired. The vessel has a crew of 890 officers and men

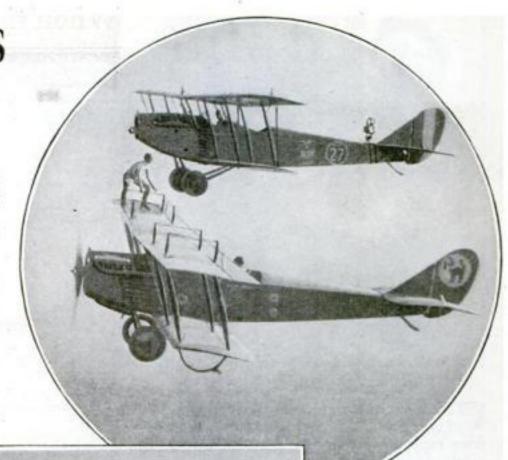
of Aeronautics



Novel Air Bombs of Huge Size

A new torpedo for bombing planes, said to have a capacity of two tons of explosives and a range of 1,000 miles, has been invented by Lester P. Barlow of Stamford, Conn., who specializes in air

bombs, He has offered Congress a torpedo in which gas for the carrier plane may be stored with safety



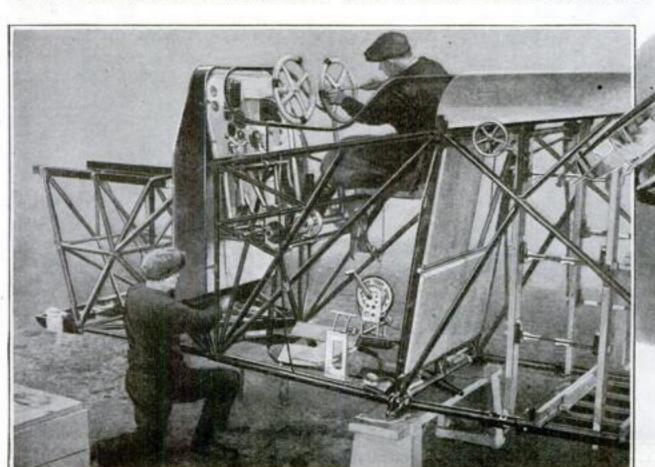
She Changes Planes in Air for Thrill

Miss Gladys Engle, Don MacDougall, and Art Gobel, who do aerial stunts for the thrill of it, recently had all Los Angeles gazing up into the sky spellbound, as they performed their daring feats high above the city. Miss Engle made the spectators gasp as she coolly climbed from one plane to another. The picture above shows the two planes and Miss Engle as she was about to make her thrilling change. At the left, a close-up shows the daring flier poised to catch hold of the second plane



Uncle Sam's New Bombers Made for Speed

A dozen new, light, bombing planes, embodying features far in advance of those now in use, are being built for the United States by the Huff-Deland Airplane Company, at Bristol, Pa. These planes will have a speed of more than 135 miles an hour and have been given the class name of "Pegasus." The pilot's cockpit of one of these new bombers is shown below, without the outer housing that will hide its metal frame and complicated system of controls when it is finally completed



Builder of New Speed Planes

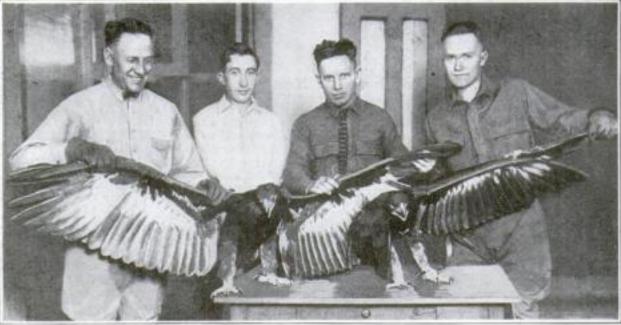
Thomas H. Huff, whose picture appears above, is the president of the Huff-Deland Airplane Company of Bristol, Pa., to which Uncle Sam has entrusted the construction of all the new light bombers of the speedy "Pegasus" type

When the American Eagle Is Captured



James R. Gillen with an eagle captured in the Pennsylvania mountains after a storm

AFTER a recent storm James R. Gillen, of Ambler, Pa., found an American golden eagle near Fort Washington, almost dead of exhaustion from battling the elements. It was too weak to resist, and Gillen took it home. The bird has now fully recovered but is still in captivity. It is not yet full grown, but it has a total wing spread of fully six feet four inches.



Two fine specimens of American eagles, and the four Utah National Guard officers who caught them in the mountains of Utah. Note especially the magnificent spread of their great wings

Officers of the Utah National Guard tramping through the mountains near Bountiful, Utah, discovered two American eagles on a ledge. Stealing up on them, they seized the great birds before they could get away. The struggle that ensued was lengthy and fierce. The eagles fought with beaks and talons and were subdued only when completely exhausted. The officers were bitten and scratched, and their clothes were in ribbons when the battle was over.

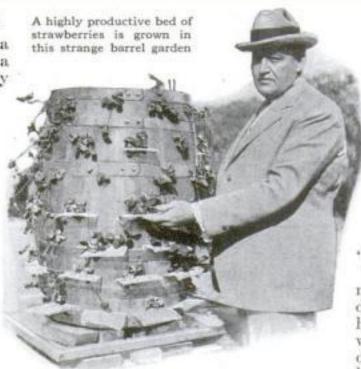
Although captives, there is still fight in the birds, as the picture shows.

Strawberry Patch in a Barrel

STRAWBERRIES enough to supply a family for a season can be grown in a barrel. This has been demonstrated by Delavan D. Johnson, of California, as shown at the right.

A barrel in which holes of sufficient size for a strawberry plant have been bored, is filled with dirt. In each of the holes a vine is set, and under each vine is built a screen platform to support it as it grows and bears fruit. The barrel is set on a platform some distance from the ground, to make stooping unnecessary.

As many as sixty vines can be raised in one barrel. By this method hundreds of vines can be cultivated in a restricted area. The berries are said to be better, too, because they get more sun and air and are not so cramped as when they grow on the ground.



Three of These Texas Lemons an Armful



Lemons as big as grapefruit, called "Ponderosas," as shown above, are raised in the lower Rio Grande valley in Texas

A GALLON of juice to a lemon! That is the way they figure for lemonade in the lower Rio Grande valley, Texas. This is, of course, an exaggeration. But you may not think it very much out of the way when you note the size of the lemons.

Three of them make an armful, as may be observed in the picture.

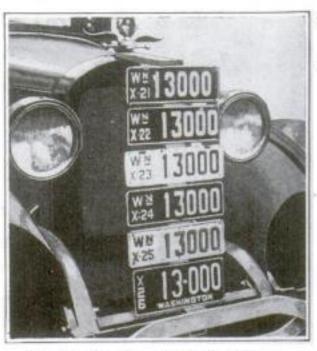
These lemons were part of a display of Texas agricultural products held recently in Kansas City, Mo. The name of the fruit is "Ponderosa," or, translated into plain English, ponderous,

Blame Snails' Sweet Tooth

A SMALL snail causes the rootrot disease, which has almost
wrecked the sugar growing industry of
Louisiana, the United States Department of Agriculture has announced.
As many as 150 of these little snails
have been counted about the roots
of a single plant. In their attack
they leave cavities which are invaded
by micro-organisms from the soil.

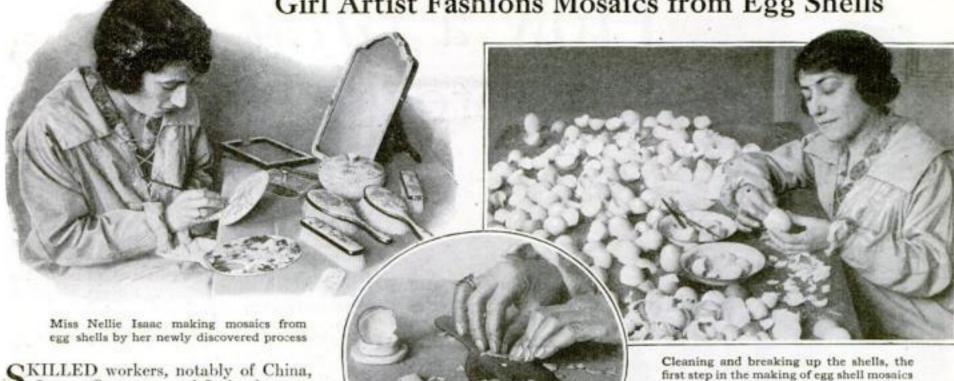
"13" His Lucky Number

"GIVE me the thirteen every time," says B. A. McGoldrick, lumber manufacturer, of Spokane, Wash., who declares this number the luckiest he ever had. If he failed to get an auto license without a 13 in it, he would be greatly disappointed. For the last six years he has had the number 13,000, and in all that time he hasn't been arrested or had an accident. He carries the six numbers in a special frame in front of his radiator.



The hood of the automobile of B. A. McGoldrick, who believes in number 13

Girl Artist Fashions Mosaics from Egg Shells



SKILLED workers, notably of China, Japan, Germany, and Italy, for centuries have employed sea shells in making odd and intricate ornaments. But for the first time, it is believed, hen's egg shells have been successfully used for a similar purpose.

After examining some specimens of the older shell work, Miss Nellie Isaac, a New York artist, was struck with the possibilities of the humble egg shell. She tried out her idea, and the result is a new craft—egg shell mosaics for the backs of brushes, for combs, powder boxes, pin trays, and mirror frames.

How the selected pieces of shell are arranged according to a chosen design and are glued to an article by skilful hands

The shells are broken into small pieces which are carefully fitted together according to the desired design, and are then glued on to the article to be decorated. The utmost care is necessary in the handling.

When the glue has dried, the shells are painted in various colors. The surface of the finished egg mosaic is smooth and does not chip easily, making it almost as serviceable as the sea shell mosaic.

Six cables are to be strung across a span of 6,240 feet, or nearly a mile and a quarter, to carry power across an arm of Puget sound into the city of Tacoma.

How You Can Grow a Pearl

IT IS possible for anyone to grow pearls such as the Japanese have succeeded in producing. Charles L. Edwards showed his nature study classes in the Los Angeles public schools how to do it.

He put a hard bead in an abalone shell and then left the mollusk alone. When he opened the shell, the bead was not to be seen. Instead, stuck to one wall of the shell was a pearl that the abalone had formed by covering the irritating bead with layers of pearl film, its own protective secretions.

A pearl stuck to the shell in this way is called a blister pearl. It is generally set in jewelry with one side flat, but it can be peeled like an onion to make it round. In doing this, however, its size is somewhat reduced.



The pearl on the shell, pointed out in the picture, was formed around a small bead



Postage Stamps Make Colorful Bedroom Set

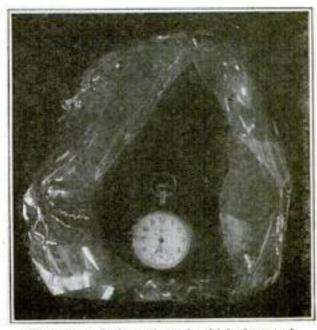
CANCELED postage stamps have been put to many uses in the past, but Mrs. Josephine Farrell, of Winthrop, Mass., now has found a way of employing them that is both novel and artistic. She has used them to decorate a set of wooden bedroom furniture. Thousands of stamps of all denominations went into the clever and greatly varied designs, and the gay colors of the stamps produce a striking effect, as seen in the photograph.

Collectors have shown much interest in the furniture and have made many tempting offers for it. Henry Ford is reported to be one of those who have tried to purchase it. Two Missouri farmers were startled recently by a meteor that landed only 300 yards from them. The meteor made a hole in the ground four feet in diameter.

Ideal Optical Glass Produced

A PERFECT optical glass, free from all flaws that are sometimes found in optical glasses, has been produced at the United States Bureau of Standards where it is now on exhibition. The watch in the illustration was photographed through four inches of this glass, but every detail is as perfect as if there were no glass between it and the camera. There are none of the usual distortions caused by flaws or scratches.

In the original photograph, even the smallest divisions of the dial stand out with absolute distinctness.



The piece of glass, through which the watch was photographed as shown above, is four inches thick and absolutely clear and perfect

How a Great City Protects Its Food

York City in a single year would fill a freight train extending from Havana, Cuba, to Alaska! With its population of nearly 6,000,000 residents and—to follow a very conservative estimate—of 1,000,000 commuters, every day at lunch time 7,000,000 persons are eating in the largest city in our country. Fifteen thousand restaurants serve 3,000,000 persons daily.

These figures give but a slight idea of the vast quantities of food New York City needs, and the herculean task it faces to safeguard that supply. In a greater or lesser degree the same problems confront every city in the country.

From the time it gets to the terminals until it reaches the table, food in the giant metropolis is closely scrutinized by an army of inspectors. They board the trains at the stations and the

ships at the piers. They follow it through from the wholesale markets, to retail establishments, pushcarts, bakeries and restaurants. For some foods, such as milk, and some kinds of shell fish, the inspection begins outside the city. A net of inspectors is spread through nearby states, examining foods at their sources.

Last year these inspectors condemned food enough to fill a train of cars four miles long. Spoiled, adulterated, and poisonous foods are quickly discovered by the keen-eyed, vigilant health guardians.

All doubtful foodstuffs are analyzed in two municipal laboratories, one for detecting impurities and adulteration, the other for examining milk. Both are maintained by the city under its bureau of food and drugs.

He Guards the Milk of New York's Millions

Determining the percentage of fat in a milk sample in the milk laboratory of the New York bureau of food and drugs. Protecting the people from impure milk is perhaps the city's biggest task. About 3,500,000 quarts of milk are consumed daily in New York

Wood Alcohol Menace

The photograph above, taken in the chemical laboratory of New York's health department, shows a chemist testing liquors for wood alcohol with an immersion refractometer. In these days wood alcohol has become a constant menace, and every effort is made to guard against it

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Eggs Must Be Candled

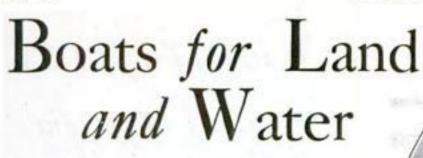
New York consumes 55,000,-000 dozens of fresh and storage eggs yearly. Besides these, other millions of frozen and powdered eggs are used for baking. More than a million pounds of frozen yolks and whites come into the city every year from China alone. These are tested by smell and taste, while the whole eggs are carefully candled. The picture above gives an idea of how eggs are candled

Tasting Butter

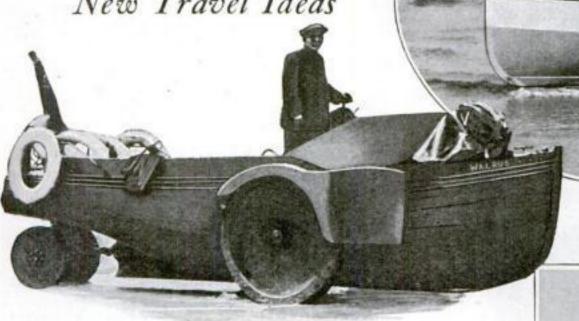
The purity of butter is decided by taste and odor. Dr. M. A. Herzog of the health department, above, is tasting butter before printing and wrapping

Ice-Cream Weighed

New Yorkers eat 15,000,000 gallons of ice-cream a year, or two and a half gallons per person. The fat content for all this ice-cream must be at least eight percent. At left, an assistant in the municipal milk laboratory is shown weighing a sample of ice-cream



Half-a-Dozen Ingenious New Travel Ideas



Novel Sightseeing Motor Launch

The large motor boat coming up the beach, above, with a party of sightseers, is one of the attractions of Skegness, England. It runs on its own power on land and in water, and takes visitors along the beach and out on the sea

Takes Visitors Out to Big Boats

This motor boat, called the Walrus, is equipped with a Ford engine and is equally at home on land or in the water. It carries passengers from the beach at Scarborough, England, to larger boats in the harbor that take excursionists for a sail

Complete Boat on Auto Chassis

The boat, on the right, beginning to ascend the shore, is an ingenious combination of a specially designed boat body and the chassis of a low priced automobile. A lever changes from propeller to automobile transmission. It was designed by an Austrian

A Tricycle Boat

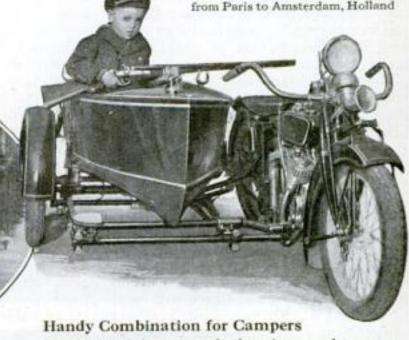
Dashing into the water, below, is a novel German tricycle boat that runs as well on land as in water. It is propelled by foot power, and is sufficiently large to carry four passengers besides the driver



A Bicycle Runs This French Boat

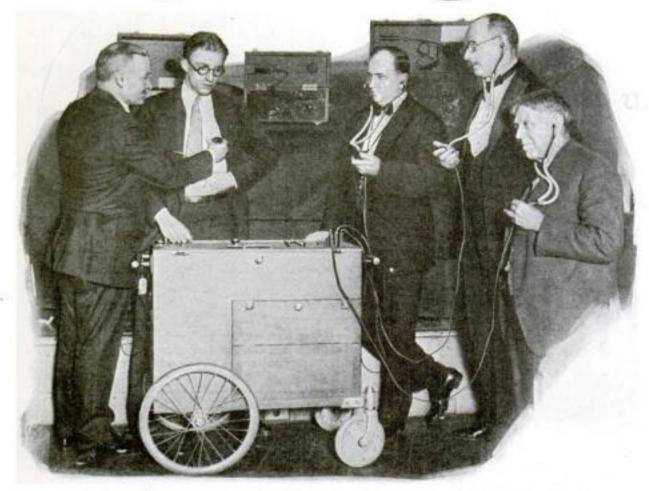
The small boat above is built around a bicycle which furnishes propelling power for both land and water. Its inventor, Marius Gallee, a French tourist, can be

seen here starting on a jaunt in it



The sidecar of the motorcycle above is a complete motor boat that can be detached easily from the motorcycle. It was recently put on exhibition at the Motorcycle Show held in the new Madison Square Garden, in New York City

Thought Messages Stir Controversy



A Thousand Persons May Hear Man's Heartbeats with New Device

It is possible, it is claimed, for as many as a thousand persons to listen to a man's heartbeats transmitted by a stethoscope, with a new device recently invented by engineers of the Bell Telephone Laboratories, New York. The photograph shows H. Clyde Snook, of the Bell laboratories, holding the stethoscope transmitter to a subject while three New York radio and electrical engineers listen in

Knowledge of the latest advances of science is one of the greatest assets of the mind. It develops depth of thought and breadth of vision. In its application to daily life, it is of immense value. In these columns we endeavor to give you each month brief accounts of the latest scientific discoveries that may be of practical service to you.

TELEPATHY soon may be added to radio, telephone, and telegraph as a means of communication with distant persons. Notable progress has been reported by Professor Vladimir Behterev of Leningrad Academy of Sciences, 'Russia, who, by capturing the electromagnetic waves thrown off by people, claims to have succeeded in transmitting thoughts.

Dr. Ivan Chakhovsky, a Moscow physician who took part in Professor Behterev's experiments, substantiates this claim, and declares that in seventy percent of the cases Behterev was successful.

Professor Behterev's is the third announcement from Russia recently on telepathy. In 1925, Professor Skripsky of the Leningrad Electro-Technical Institute told of an invention to determine everybody's "electric characteristics" by recording human electromagnetic waves. Early this year, Dr. Koshinsky of Moscow claimed to have transferred human thoughts from one person to another.

American psychologists are for the most part skeptical of these claims. Some reject them entirely. Dr. J. McKeen Cattell, formerly of Columbia University, and Dr. Edward L. Thorndike of Teachers College, New York, doubt the success of the Russian experiments. Professor Couvel, head of the psychology department of Stanford University, which six years ago received \$800,000 for psychic research, recently declared, after 10,000 attempts, that telepathy is impossible.

New Uses for Ultra-Violet Rays

NEW uses for ultra-violet light, that invisible part of sunlight whose magic effects on health were discovered

only recently, are being found almost daily. In Paris, the powerful light is being used now to bring out texts that have been erased from old parchments. Even though the parchment has been written over again, it is said, the original letters will come out. Very interesting discoveries of old classics are expected to be made under this treatment.

The Maine Agricultural Experiment Station recently has been giving cows a daily bath of ultraviolet light from artificial lights. The milk that these cows give, it has been found, prevents rickets in babies, while milk from cows not getting treatment is useless in preventing the disease.

Progress of Science at Home and Abroad

In the summertime, cows out in the pasture get their doses of ultra-violet light from sunshine, but in winter stables this is denied them. The time appears near at hand when every stable will be provided with artificial sunlight for the long, cheerless winter days.

A Lead Cancer Cure

NEW hope has been given recently to sufferers from cancer. A distinguished English surgeon, Dr. W. Blair Bell, claims that he has been able to cure the dreaded disease with injections of lead. A professor at the University of Liverpool, Dr. Bell has been testing out this method for seventeen years.

The metal is injected into the veins near the cancerous growth. Out of about 200 cases treated, most of them thought hopeless, Dr. Bell declares that almost fifty are now believed to be entirely and permanently cured.

A Novel Way of Keeping Fruit

AN ENTIRELY new way of keeping fruit from spoiling has been found by Professor John McLean Thompson of the University of Liverpool, England. He puts the fruit to sleep, he declares, in which state they breathe very slightly and keep perfectly for a long time.

The fruit is put in a room and kept at a steady temperature and degree of



Vibrations to Be Firemen of the Future?

Fires in the future will be put out by tone vibrations, according to Charles Kellogg, a California naturalist, who is showing New York firemen how it can be done. Each building, he says, will have its own pitch, and the vibrations produced by a "tuning-in" process will extinguish the fire



Relics of Ancient Babylon

Above, Miss Grace Stockman, of the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C., is examining three inscribed clay disks dug up in ancient Erech, Babylon. The largest contains a schoolboy's exercise; the small ones are bills of sales for goats. They are about 4,000 years old

humidity until it becomes dormant. Then it can be kept anywhere. The method has been tried on oranges, nuts, grapefruit, lemons, and apples.

If further tests prove successful, we may see on our fruitstands strange tropical and oriental fruit that never reached our country before on account of the prohibitive cost of cold storage shipping.

Blackbird Best Singer of Tribe

IN A singing contest between birds, the blackbird would win, said Professor C. J. Patten of the Royal Institution, London. For the blackbird keeps the best time and rhythm, and his song has the best tune. A thrush, however, could beat him in endurance, some thrushes being able to sing sixteen hours a day.

Birds have three kinds of language, the professor says—alarm notes, call notes, and song. Alarm notes are for trouble, while call notes are used by young birds crying for their parents or

by older birds when mating. Songs that we think are expressing joy, this bird specialist says, actually are not. Most birds really are saying, "Look at me—how big I am—how beautiful I am—I'm a very fine fellow"; in short, the songs are expressions of pride.

In the laboratories of Princeton University, a new way has been found to make hydrogen peroxide by combining hydrogen and oxygen directly. Shortening the process will mean cheaper antiseptics and perhaps cheaper dress goods, since hydrogen peroxide is one of the most important bleaching agents.

France Leads in Flying Records

FRANCE leads the world in aviation, having forty-five world's records. The United States comes next with thirty-three, with Italy third and Denmark and Holland tying for fourth place. These figures are given in a new chart published by the French air ministry.

Lucien Boussoutrot, a French airplane pilot, recently made a world's record for altitude and duration of flight with heavy loads. Carrying a weight of over six tons, equal to that of sixty passengers and baggage, he rose 11,482 feet in fifty-five minutes and remained up one hour, twelve minutes and twenty-one seconds. In this flight Boussoutrot broke eight previous records, seven of which he himself had made previously.

Men Think Better under Strain

Your easy-going, pleasant fellow isn't going to get there as fast as the man who grits his teeth, knits his brows and holds his muscles tense.

A series of psychological tests was tried on persons while they were gripping a dynamometer, a pair of hand grips with meter attached, and then repeated when the subjects were sitting in relaxed positions. The results showed that the persons could think much better and faster when their muscles were under tension.

A Rockefeller Gift to Egypt

A GIFT of \$10,000,000 for the erection and maintenance of a vast museum and for the establishment of an archaeological institute in connection with it at Cairo was recently offered to King Fuad and the people of Egypt by John D. Rockefeller, Jr. This sum, believed to be the largest ever devoted to archaeological studies and research, was proffered as an expression of the friendship and respect America, the newest of lands, holds for Egypt, the oldest nation in history.

Egypt's wealth of ancient monuments and marvelous pieces of art has increased in late years beyond the capacity of the present museum of Cairo. A research institute in connection with a new museum



Cure Found for X-Ray Burns

A cure for X-ray burns, that have claimed so many victims among doctors, has just been announced by Professor d'Arsonval, the noted French scientist, shown above. With high-frequency currents, d'Arsonval recently effected a complete cure for Dr. Debedat, a Bordeaux radiologist. D'Arsonval, whose special field is electricity, after years of research recently declared that death by electric shock is preventable, and efforts to induce respiration immediately following a shock should be continued at least two hours. In the photograph, Professor d'Arsonval is standing at the high-frequency machine used to effect his remarkable cures

will be of untold service to scholars from all parts of the world in following out their studies of early Egyptian history. It will also provide the best scientific training for students from Egypt itself.

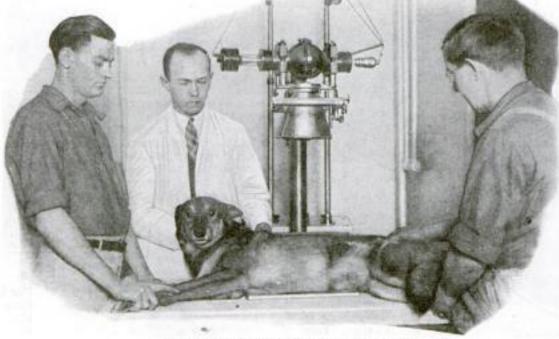
Building Material Made of Straw

A NEW fireproof building material called solomite is a recent French invention. It is made of straw, and is cheap, light, durable, and soundproof. The straw is pressed into large panels nine feet long by six feet wide and two inches thick, bound together lengthwise by wires six inches apart. The heavy pressure to which it is

submitted and the mineral content of the straw combine to make it thoroughly fireproof.

The material has been found to be excellent for side walls, ceilings, and partitions, and makes a fine surface for plaster and stucco. It has been used extensively recently for summer cottages and for the soundproof booths in phonograph and radio stores.

To find a serum for pneumonia, one of the nation's most deadly diseases, Lucius N. Littauer of Gloversville, N. Y., a former congressman, who lost his wife from this deadly disease, has given \$10,000 a year to New York University.



X-Ray Used in Treating Animals

The Ellin Prince Speyer Hospital for Animals, New York, which treats thousands of ailing animals daily, is said to be one of the finest of its kind in the world. The picture, taken in the X-ray laboratory of the hospital, shows a surgeon X-raying a dog

Novel Devices Lighten

Eighteen Handy Ideas, All Designed to



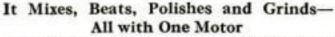
A Useful Long Fork

At last the elusive olive or pickle at the bottom of the tall bottle is beaten. The fork, below, will get it. It is just a long wire with a handle, and a crook at the end, but it will often prevent exasperation at your picnic



Cracks Open Clamshells

Somewhat like a nutcracker but far more powerful is this tool (above), that will break open clams for you. The rough sides grip the clamshell firmly, and pressure does the rest

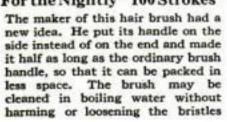


A servant is scarcely needed in the kitchen equipped with so versatile a machine as that shown above. It does all sorts of kitchen tasks. It does mixing and beating, polishes silverware and cutlery, grinds meat and coffee, slices vegetables, crushes ice, turns the ice-cream freezer and sharpens knives. The remarkable thing about this kitchen unit is that only one small motor is used to do all of these kitchen jobs. The grinder, beater, and so on, are separate attachments, which can be quickly clamped on or taken off the device



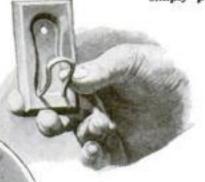
Unique Vegetable Mincer

Sharp revolving knives in the single tool, shown above, mince cabbage and other vegetables in half the time it takes with an ordinary chopper. To work it, you simply push the device back and forth



A Hook that Folds Up

When not in use, the garment hook at the left springs back into its recessed holder so that it is entirely out of the way. The weight of a cap or any garment hanging on it holds the hook down, but when it is taken off, the hook snaps back to its recess. It is easily screwed to a door or to a closet wall



Five Tools in One

A most useful article around the kitchen and the house is the compact handy combination tool, illustrated at the right, that will sharpen knives with a few strokes, remove milk bottle caps, turn screws, remove fruit jar lids, and open bottle tops



If You Like Your Pepper Hot—
If you like your pepper with its full flavor,
you will get one of these little pepper
grinders, made of glass and metal, to use
at the dinner table. You can grind the exact
quantity you need, and see it as you grind

A New Way to Cook

For the bachelor girl who has no grill, here is a capital idea. Turn your electric iron upside down, slip it into this metal device that clamps, as seen in the picture above, on the edge of a table, and there you have a cooking plate. The holder will support any size of iron you may happen to have. Careful cooking won't spoil the iron

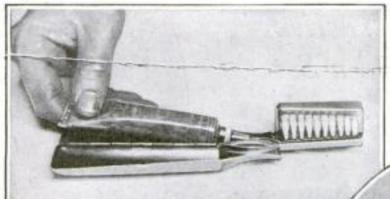
Egg Cutter Prevents Waste

Opening boiled eggs served in egg cups is usually a mussy and wasteful performance. The little scissors pictured just above does a clean job, cutting the top of the shell quickly and evenly



Tasks of the Household

Save Time and Energy for the Busy Woman



For Quick Pastry Making

A pie that is made in a hurry will be just as good as any other pie, if the crust is properly mixed. The device below insures proper mixing in a few minutes. It is boat-shaped, and made of fine crossed wires which blend the flour and fat together in record time



This toothbrush carries its paste in the handle. Pressure on the tube forces paste on the bristles. The brush can be replaced. A metal cover slips on the brush when not in use, and the handle folds over the tube



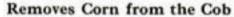
An Apple Corer with a Spring

The particular advantage of the apple corer at the left is that the core can be removed just as far as is wanted. The bottom can be left in the apple to retain the juices and sugar in baking. A spring cuts the apple clean.



New Mop Is Self-Wringing

A twist of the plunger in the handle of this mop wrings the mop dry. The mop fabric is removed very easily and, having a firm crosspiece at the bottom of the mop, it can be used to rub hard on spots on the floor



Corn slitter and creamer is the name of the little tool below, at the right, that helps in preparing sweet corn. Little teeth slit the kernels open while a flat edge scrapes out the contents as the device is

pushed down the corncob



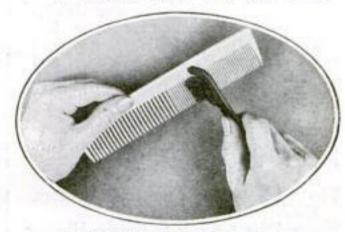
This Drainer Doesn't Drip

One disadvantage of the ordinary sink drainer is that it drips water as its contents are being carried to the garbage pail. This new drainer, above, has a tray that slips under it, giving it a watertight bottom while being carried



Library Table Hides Complete Electric Kitchenette

Apparently a Queen Anne table, when dinner time comes this attractive piece of furniture discloses itself to be a complete kitchenette and dining table combined. When you lift the top up you find not only an electric grill and toaster, but the electrical outlets as well, right in the table. One master cord connects the table with the usual wall outlet



A Brush for Cleaning Combs

You can clean your comb in a jiffy with this new brush, made especially for that purpose. The brush rotates as it is pulled across the teeth of the comb

Radio Builders Win Prizes



This Receiver Wins First Prize—\$150

Francis Carter Turner, of Middleburg, Va., who designed and built this remarkably fine set, is shown in the oval above. By occupation a farmer and stockman, he has made radio a hobby for years. Complete, detailed instructions telling you how to build this prize winning set efficiently and economically are given on these pages

AROM hundreds of entries from all parts of this country, Canada and the Philippines, the officials of the Popular Science Institute of Standards acting as judges have selected the prize winners in our Radio Construction Contest, which was announced last December.

This contest, which was open to radio fans everywhere, called for ingenuity and careful workmanship. From a given number of instruments and parts, and from a specified wiring diagram, contestants were asked to build a complete radio receiver—the very best possible. Entries were made in the form of photographs of the completed receiver, from which the judges selected those which gave evidence of the best workmanship. These, then, were put through actual working tests in the laboratory of the Popular Science Institute of Standards.

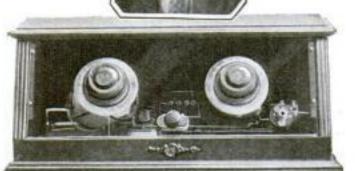
Five receivers were chosen for the final elimination, and when they had been received at the Institute's radio laboratory, they were put through the same tests applied to all the commercial receivers which are sent in for approval.

The three prize winning sets are all excellent examples of radio design and construction, the judges declare. three tune sharply and bring in stations in a way to satisfy the most exacting radio fan. Their makers have reason to be proud of them. The prize winners are as follows:

First Prize, \$150-Francis C. Turner, Middleburg, Va.

Second Prize, \$50 — B. O. Burgin, Albany,

Third Prize, \$25 - Raymond Hoffman, St. Mary's, Pa.



Third Prize Winner-\$25

Raymond Hoffman, of St. Mary's, Pa., built this neat and efficient receiver. He used a glass panel mounted in a cabinet with sloping front

Honorable Mention—Robert Black, Easthampton, Mass., and A. Thomas Nieman, Chicago, Ill.

Mr. Turner's receiver is, in the opinion of the judges, one of the finest three-tube regenerative sets they ever have examined. The design not only is unusually attractive, but is almost perfect from a theoretical point of view. The mechanical construction is equally excellent.

The cabinet in which the prize winning set is housed is odd and original, for it is in the form of a sea chest. Since, however, cabinet construction was not to be considered in awarding prizes, the judges noted only that the receiver was fitted properly into the space provided for it and that the complete set was pleasing in appearance.

Because of the dimensions of the front panel, you will find, if you build this set, that it will not fit in any of the standard sizes of radio cabinets. It will be up to you, therefore, to decide whether to build a sloping front cabinet or a square cabinet for a vertical panel. The only change necessary in making the panel vertical will be to alter the angle of the brackets holding the sub-panel to the front panel.

The builder of this set is B. O. Burgin, of Albany, N. Y.

(above), head of the science department of the Albany High School. His workmanship is faultless, and the de-

sign embodies novel ideas in cushioned socket construction. Each tube socket is supported by live rubber so that jarring

the table cannot cause ringing noises. All the connec-

tions to the socket terminals are made by flexible leads

The winner of the first prize is an old-timer at the radio game. Although his regular business is farming and stock raising, he tells us that radio has been an absorbing hobby of his since away back in 1909-before broadcasting was even thought of.

"After making a selection of parts to build my contest entry," he writes, "I provided myself with several sheets of paper, a ruler, square, pencil, and plenty of elbow room. Then there began what closely resembled a chess game. The radio parts took the place of men, and after I had moved them about until I secured an arrangement that looked promising, I marked their positions on the paper and started in all over again with a fresh sheet. Eventually I hit on the arrangement that was incorporated in the radio receiver that I built for . the contest."

TO BUILD a radio receiver like Tur-ner's, first decide on the parts you will use. Almost any standard parts will do, and you can be sure of their efficiency if you purchase only parts approved by the Popular Science Institute of Standards.

These are the parts you will need: A, B, and C-Any standard threecircuit tuning unit.

D—Variable condenser (straight line frequency or plain type with capacity to suit coil B of the tuning unit).

E-Fixed grid condenser, .00025 mfd.

F-Fixed condenser, .0005 mfd. G—Fixed or variable grid leak.

H, J, and K—Rheostats. L, M, and N—Vacuum tube sockets.

O—Medium ratio audio transformer.

P—Low ratio audio transformer.

Q—Double circuit jack.

R-Single circuit jack.

S—Filament switch.

T—Front panel, 9 by 14

inches. U—Sub-panel, 6 by 13

inches.
V and W—Sub-panel brackets.

Two dials, 9 binding posts, 3 vacuum tubes, A, B, and C batteries, cabinet, and bus wire as needed.

For those who wish to wind their own tuning unit ABC, the following specifications are correct. Wind

coils A and B on tubing two and one half inches outside diameter with No. 22 double cotton covered wire. Coil A has ten turns and coil B fifty turns, and these two coils are one eighth of an inch apart. Tickler coil C consists of thirty-four turns of wire wound on a coil form one and one half inches in diameter. It should rotate on a shaft just inside the end of coil B

at the upper end as shown in Fig. 1. With such a tuning unit, you will need one variable condenser D with a maximum capacity of .0005 mfd.

For the grid condenser E, you can use one of the conventional type with clips attached for a fixed grid leak G, or you can use a variable grid leak G with the grid condenser E fastened to it, as in the prize winning set. If you find the tube goes into oscillation too suddenly, try a smaller fixed condenser at F. of .00025 mfd. or even .0001 mfd.

THE rheostats H, J, and K should be of the graphite disk or of the very compact wire wound type in order to fit into the space allotted to them. Use twenty-ohm rheostats for storage battery tubes, six-ohm rheostats for the one dry cell type tube, and thirty-ohm rheostats for the tubes that require three dry cells connected in series.

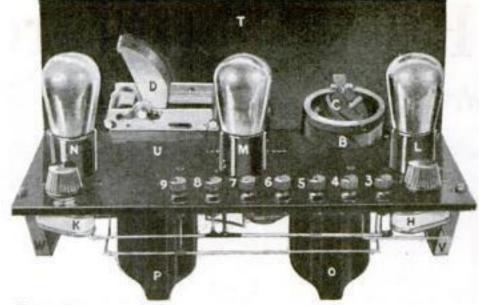


Fig. 1. Rear view of first prize winning set. Note how sockets and transformers are mounted so that the grid connections are extremely short

The vacuum tube sockets L, M, and N in the prize set are of the new UX type. They will take any of the storage battery or dry cell tubes fitted with this base. If you prefer a socket that will take all types of tubes, there are a number available that will fit into this arrangement.

Buy high-grade audio transformers for use at O and P, for on them largely de-

Con B use at b and P, for on them largely de- and R ANT. 22 GRD. 22

Fig. 2. This pictorial wiring diagram shows the various instruments in almost the exact positions they will occupy in the finished set

pends the quality of the music and speech from your loudspeaker.

The front panel T in the prize set is one fourth inch thick and the sub-panel U is of the same thickness. You will note that the brackets V and W that hold the subpanel U to the front panel T are fitted with screws fastened into blind holes in the back of the panel T. With this construction, the thick front panel really is necessary. Unless you are handy at this sort of mechanical work, use the conventional three - sixteenth inch panel material and bore the holes for the supporting

screws clear through; then use countersunk flat-head machine screws with the regular brass nuts at the back.

Fig. 7 shows the dimensions for bending up the brass brackets V and W. They are made out of strip brass one eighth inch by one half inch in cross-section, and you will need two pieces about twenty-one and one half inches long each.

> The most logical way to get started on the construction of the receiver is to cut the front panel T and the sub-panel U to the right size, then bend up the brackets and fit the panels together. Next construct the cabinet and fit the panel to it.

NOW you are ready to drill the panel T and the subpanel U according to the layouts in Figs. 5 and 6. Note that only the center holes for the various instruments have been given, since the actual mounting holes vary with different makes of instruments. Next mount all of the instruments.

Before you start wiring, study the various illustrations, particularly Figs. 2 and 8, the theoretical and picture wiring diagrams respectively.

The first wiring job is to connect the lower end of coil A with binding post No. 1. Then run a wire from binding post (Continued on page 139)

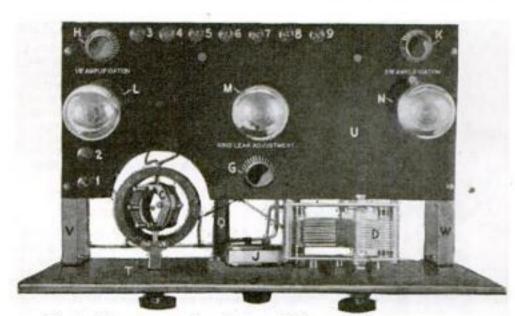


Fig. 3. The set as seen from the top. Make sure before you start that the parts you expect to use will fit into this arrangement. Straight line and right angle wiring combine for best efficiency

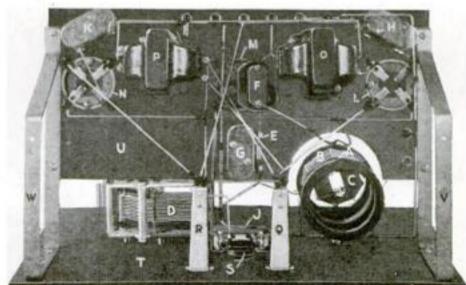
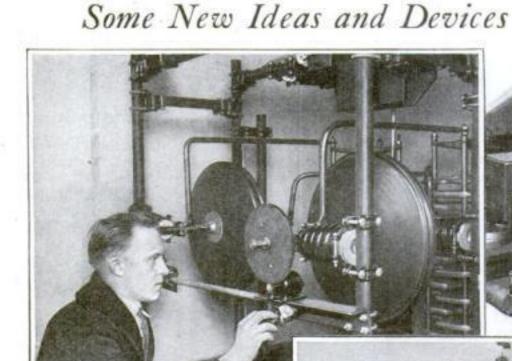


Fig. 4. The view from the bottom. Set the transformers and sockets so that all the grid connections will be made as short as possible. Two rheostats and the adjustable grid leak are sub-panel mounted



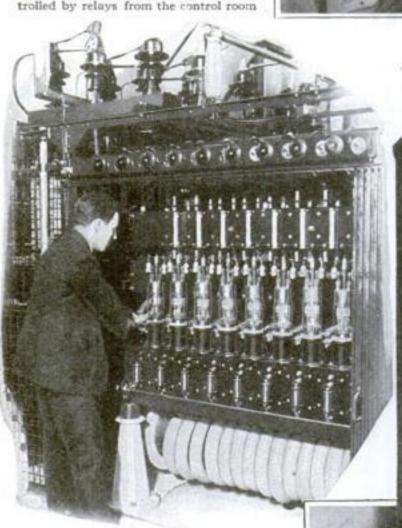


A Cylinder Loudspeaker

Dr. Lee De Forest has just invented a new type of radio loudspeaker that is shaped like a cylinder. The surface is made of thin material, and the sound is sent out in every direction with equal intensity. It is claimed that the construction of the loudspeaker is such that it is almost entirely free from blasting and distortion on the extremely loud signals

WJZ's Giant Apparatus

Handling fifty kilowatts of power at WJZ's high power station at Bound Brook, N. J., is quite a problem. Extraordinary means have to be taken to operate the controls because of the high voltages and the enormous amount of current carried in the various circuits. Above is shown a pair of vernier condensers used for tuning the antenna circuit. A small electric motor drives through a gear cut from an insulating compound to change the adjustment. At the right is one of the huge, motor operated oil switches. Practically all of these powerful switches are controlled by relays from the control room.



The Tubes at Hillmorton

Here are the tubes that furnish the power for the new English broadcasting station at Hillmorton, England. When the station is actually in operation, a gate and railing prevent anyone from approaching as closely to the powerful vacuum tubes as is the radio engineer above. Tubes are water-cooled after the manner employed in high-powered stations



Drop a Nickel in the Slot and Tune-in!

After sixteen months' work, Joseph Pinto has completed the unique slot machine shown at the left. When you drop a nickel in, the machine is set in operation so that you can tune-in and listen to your favorite radio station for a limited time. It operates equally as well on either batteries or house current, and a red warning light flashes up one minute before the time is up

Hints for Novices in Radio How to Test Your B Battery

Other Helps to Better Radio Results

ADIO service men agree that at least ninety percent of the trouble calls are caused by dead batteries. Frequently it is the B battery that has become exhausted. The first indication that a B battery is nearing the end of its useful life is a slight decrease in the volume of sound, accompanied by noises that often strongly resemble static.

A voltmeter is the best instrument for use in testing B batteries, but if you have no voltmeter it is a simple matter to test your batteries with the aid of a ten watt electric light bulb. Connect a piece of wire to one terminal of the battery as shown in the illustration and hold it against the metal screw threads on the

HOLD DRILL VERTICALLY HARDWOOD ! PANEL BLOCK

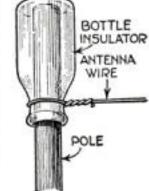
In drilling a panel, rest it on a block of hard wood to prevent bad edges around opening side of the base while you touch the metal button on the end of the base to the other terminal of the battery.

The bulb should light to about half of its normal brilliancy. If it shows only a very dull red or entirely fails to light, you may be sure that a new battery is needed.

RILLING the panel for a radio receiver is simple if you use care and do not try to rush the

job. Be sure to rest the panel flat on a piece of hard wood so that the point of the drill will not break through and tear out the material around the hole.

drilling large holes, it is a good idea first to drill the hole with a small drill-say one sixteenth inch. Then when you use the larger drill it will follow the small hole and will not drift to one side or the other. Take special care to hold the drill in a vertical position.



A bottle with a heavy IF YOU are put-ting up a tempo-makes fine insulation for experimental or rary antenna for amateur-built antenna experimental pur-

poses, here is an ingenious way to insulate the wire from the supporting pole. Any size or shape of bottle will do, provided the mouth is sufficiently large to fit over the end of the pole and there is a fairly heavy rim which will prevent the wire from slipping off the bottle. An antenna of this type is particularly good



in rainy weather, as the overhanging bottle prevents the leakage ordinarily produced by the continuous path of moisture between the autenna wire and the ground under pole.

MOST new radio fans are under the impression that a storage battery is simply a box in which electrical energy can be stored like water in a tank. And the consequence is that they treat the storage battery as they would a water tank. In other words, they use it till the tubes will not light any more, and then they recharge it or have it recharged at the nearest service station.

This conception of the function of a storage battery is responsible for the short life of many batteries. The storage battery is not a place where electrical energy is stored. What actually happens when you pass direct current through a storage battery is that a chemical change takes place in the material in the plates. Then when you draw current out of the battery another chemical action goes on which results in the production of an

tion only takes place properly when conditions are right, and that means that you must not mistreat the battery by letting it stand in a discharged condition. When a storage battery is allowed to stand in a discharged condition, another and very injurious chemical reaction sets in and gradually renders the plates incapable of performing their proper functions.

electrical current. But this chemical ac-

There is only one way to treat a storage battery, and that is to test it regularly with a hydrometer; and whenever the little float inside the syringe sinks down in the solution that you draw up in the syringe by means of the bulb at the top until the figure 1200 or at worst 1150 shows even with the surface of the solution in the syringe of the hydrometer, connect up the weak battery with the charger at once.

MANY of the latest types of vacuum tube sockets have both filament terminals marked F instead of F-and F+, because it does not make any difference which way the current flows through the filament. What you wires in the hook-

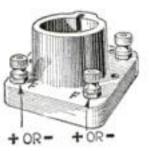
up are connected

must watch out your storage battery

for, however, is should be tested reguthat the other larly with a hydrometer and always kept clean and charged close to 1280

with the right filament terminal.

In other words, it makes no difference which terminal you make positive or negative, so long as the wires to be connected



When filament termarked + or -, be sure to connect wires correctly to the terminals you select as positive and negative to the minus filament terminal actually are connected to the filament terminal you have decided shall be minus.

Take the detector tube socket in any radio set, for instance, if you intend to use an amplifier type of tube in this socket as is the regular practice today,

you will find that there is a wire from the tuning condenser that is connected with one end of the tuning coil and which is also connected to the positive filament terminal of the socket.

To simplify your wiring, you may find it worth-while to connect the positive battery wire to the terminal of the socket that is actually marked minus instead of plus, and vice versas

A B C's of Radio

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MANY beginners puzzle over the kind of wire to use in wiring up a set. For electrical efficiency, it makes no difference whether you use insulated or plain bare wire. Nor is it necessary to use heavy bus wire. Any wire down to size 24 will do as well from an electrical standpoint but, of course, the bus wire is better because it is not likely to sag out of place. Remember these points, for a good job:

- 1. Make each wire as short and direct as possible.
- Solder or tightly clamp every connection.
- Space all wires as much as possible, considering the arrangement of the instruments.

You Can Now "Turn on the Ice"

Electricity or Gas Operates New

EXTINCTION threatens the iceman. And all because modern science has made marvelous strides in perfecting small ice making machines for the

home or apartment house.

With one of these outfits, your wife need not stay in half the day waiting for the iceman. There will be no more muddy footprints over the kitchen floor, nor ice boxes smashed by slipshod handling of ice. You can go away for a week, leave the house or apartment completely locked up, and yet find your butter, eggs, and cream in perfect condition when you return.

Several types of refrigerating plants for the average home now can be purchased at from \$275 up, depending, of course, on the size of the ice box. Or, if you already own a really good ice box, a refrigerating unit easily can be installed with a special tank taking the place of the usual chunk of ice.

One of the important advantages of the home refrigerating plant lies in the uniformly cold temperature maintained in every part of the box regardless of outside temperature. And the character of the atmosphere inside is

also better for the preservation of foodstuffs because of the difference in the amount of moisture in the air. As ice melts, the air inside an ice box is extremely damp. With artificial refrigeration moisture is extracted from the air and collects in the form of frost on the surface of the cooling unit that is installed

in the standard ice

chamber.

A^{LL} home refrigerat-ing outfits operate on the same general principle. In fact, they are simply highly refined models in miniature of the huge machines used in the artificial ice manufacturing plants. electric motor drives a pump that compresses gaseous freezing agent, either sulphur dioxide or methyl chloride. These gases, compressed and cooled to ordinary room temperatures, become liquid, and when the pressure is gradually released in the cooling unit inside the ice box, they turn into

gas again. In doing so, they absorb heat. In other words, they cool the tank in the ice chamber to below the freezing point of water.

A Novel Type

At the right is one of

the latest types of

electric refrigerating

plants. Its parts are

hermetically sealed,

and it is operated by

gas or electricity.

Above is a diagram

of its principal parts

This cycle is repeated over and over until the automatic control stops the motor when the temperature in the ice



A Complete Ice Making Plant

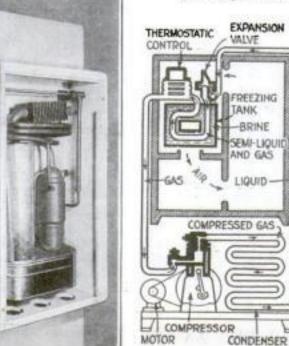
One of the new motor-operated refrigerators for small houses or apartments, that provide even, dry cold for food, and clean ice for beverages

> box has been reduced sufficiently. The same control mechanism starts the motor again as soon as the ice box temperature rises to a predetermined point. The apparatus is automatic and requires no attention except oiling the electric motor at infrequent intervals. And even this

> > eliminated by a new invention of two Swedish engineers.

small amount of attention has been

"Turn on the ice!" may become a common household expression if this new invention works as well as ex-



periments seem to indicate it will. The housewife has only to turn an electric switch or light a gas flame to put it into operation. There are no moving parts. The proper amount of hydrogen, ammonia and water are in the hermetically sealed steel piping of the

apparatus.

Home Refrigerators

The heat from the electric heating element or the gas flame in the Swedish apparatus continuously drives off ammonia gas from the water in which it is absorbed in one compartment. The gaseous ammonia is liquefied by the cooling effect of water from the regular house supply flowing slowly through a cooling jacket. Then the ammonia turns into gas again in the cooling tank inside the ice box, where it mixes with the hydrogen gas and is drawn by gravity into another chamber where it is reabsorbed by the water. The water containing the ammonia is pumped by thermosyphon action into the first tank, and the process repeats itself as long as the heat is turned on.

The cost of operation for any of the modern refrigerating systems depends, of course, on the size of your ice box, on the out-

side temperature, and on the care taken to see that the doors do not remain open longer than necessary. In many parts of the country, electric power for a home refrigerating plant can be obtained for five cents or less a kilowatt hour, and when current is obtainable at these low rates, you can keep your ice box cold by means of a home refrigerating plant for less than you would have to pay for ice.

BUT the great advantage of the apparatus is in the lack of attention required and the uniformly even cold maintained, which results in less food spoiled, together with the satisfaction of knowing that you are no longer dependent on messy icemen or any outside and possibly uncertain supply of ice.

But before you place an order for either a complete new refrigerator with an ice making apparatus built into it or simply the ice making machine to be applied to your own refrigerator, be sure that you investigate the standing of the concern manufacturing the outfit so that you can bank on adequate service if anything goes wrong.

Compression Freezer

At the left is a diagram of the working parts of the electric refrigerator shown at the top of the page

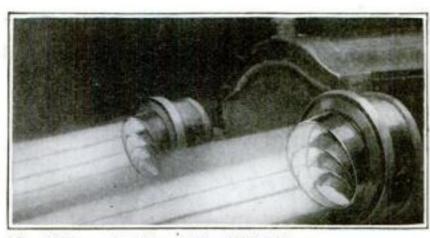


Useful Additions to Your Car



Shoulder Rests Promote Comfort

Because the average road is curved from side to side with the center higher than the sides, the passenger on the left side of the back seat is constantly slipping over toward the right side of the car. The strain produced by attempting to remain at the left end of the seat spoils the pleasure of motoring. These new shoulder rests (left) eliminate this trouble by keeping the left-hand passenger always in a very comfortable position



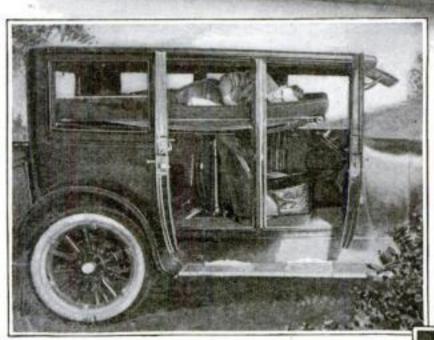
Novel Visors Cut Down Headlight Glare

This new anti-glare device consists of elliptical visors so arranged that the light rays which normally would be thrown into the eyes of the approaching driver are deflected instead onto the road surface in front of the car. The frame is made of metal and is fitted by removing the front lens and attaching clips



New Rim Keeps Ford Fan Working

This simple rim is bolted on over the pulley on the Ford crankshaft. The rim is said to keep the belt from slipping off. It is easily applied



Lifts Both Wheels

In order to eliminate the need for a separate jack and the difficulty of operating it against the back axle especially, an English firm has brought out a pair of jacks designed to be attached permanently to the car. The stem of the jack is threaded and the nut is geared to the handle so that a very low reduction allows the car to be lifted with little effort (above)



Bumper and Luggage Carrier

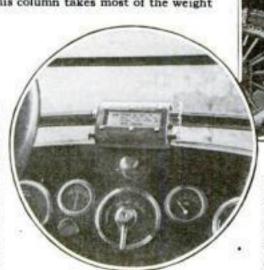
When folded up, this device looks like the ordinary full-length rear bumper, but it can be unfolded to carry extra luggage that would otherwise clutter up the tonneau and be in the way

Full-Length Bed for Auto Campers

Although this bed is made entirely of metal, it is arranged so that it folds up out of the way when not in use. Sagless springs are built into it. A unique feature is the method of support. A strong metal column is bolted to the floor boards back of the front seat. This column takes most of the weight

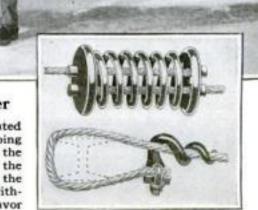


Salesmen, doctors, and real estate dealers will find this handy device useful for making memoranda or keeping addresses where they can be referred to while the car is in motion. Two removable spools with a strip of starched cloth are arranged within the compact case so that any portion of the cloth may be brought opposite the opening and locked in place



Tow Line Has Spring Buffer

The spring buffer at the right incorporated in the tow line above prevents snapping the cable when the tow car takes up the slack in the line. Another feature is the peculiar shape of hook at each end of the line that permits quick attachment without tying knots, a big item in its favor



How to Pick the BEST

Car in Its Class

Gus Stresses
Importance
of Simplicity
and Strength
of Mechanism



"ALL right, Henry," agreed Gus,
"let her have the
disk wheels if she
thinks they're so
classy. You can take
the extra amount out
of her allowance."
"That's not fair,"

said Grace, pouting.
"Get your old wood
wheels if you think
they're just as good."

By MARTIN BUNN

"NOW," said Gus Wilson to his nephew, Henry, as they passed through the gate at the Milbury Auto Show, "the first thing for you and Grace to decide is how much you can afford to pay for a car. Then we'll see what looks like the best buy in that class."

Henry had just been handed another raise in salary and felt that at last he could afford to yield to his bride's pleading that he buy a car. He had persuaded his uncle and Joe Clark, proprietors of the Model Garage, to help him make a selection.

"And don't forget," warned Gus, "that buying your car on time gives you no excuse for spending too much for it."

"A thousand is about the limit," said Henry. "I'm sure I can swing that much."

"That means not over nine hundred for the list price," broke in Joe Clark, "because freight, taxes, license and the rest of the incidentals will certainly run it up to the thousand mark."

"I'd like to get one of those sportylooking roadster types," said Henry a few moments later, as he gazed longingly at a flashy job finished in pale green with lots of nickel fittings.

"Why, Henry," chimed in his wife, "you promised me a sedan. I don't want a car that will hold only two people."

"GRACE is right, son," Gus said. "If you can have only one car, the best buy is a closed model, but I'd recommend a coach. You get a lot more for your money than you do in a sedan. Roadsters are all right for rich people who can afford to keep more than one car. I'll admit that it's a lot of fun to drive a fast roadster, but it's a nuisance when you want to take along some of your friends.

"And," continued Gus, "if you'll take my advice, you'll lay off any car that is painted in very light colors. Dust and the tar they put on the roads will make one of those pale pink babies look like the dickens in short order. Stick to a dark blue or green unless you want to spend all your spare time washing it."

"I wouldn't give a fig for all the closed cars in the world," growled Henry peevishly.

"Then why not compromise on a touring car?" suggested Gus with a wink at Joe.

"Humph!" exclaimed Henry. "And have about a million curtains to put up

Know Your Car

SHOCK absorbers or rebound snubbers properly applied and kept in good working order improve the riding of any automobile. The ideal shock absorber should permit free compression of the springs on a bump and then the friction mechanism should take hold immediately to prevent the usual jolt. The maximum shock absorbing effect is obtained only if absorbers or snubbers are designed for the car to which they are fitted or built so they can be adjusted to give proper friction.

To get the best riding comfort in driving, follow these rules:

 Get high-grade shock absorbers and see that they are correctly adjusted.

Keep your springs well lubricated and protected from mud and grit by some form of covering.

 See that your tires are pumped up to exactly the right pressure. Too much air makes the car hard riding, too little shortens the life of the tires.

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every time it rains! Nothing doing! If we don't get a roadster, we might as well go the limit and get a coach."

"I'm so glad that's settled at any rate," observed Grace. "Can't we get one of those eight-cylinder things? You know Agnes' husband bought her one, and it's just too smooth for anything!"

"There's the woman of it!" grunted Gus. "Always trying to keep up with the Jones's. You couldn't possibly get an eight-cylinder car for the price Henry mentioned. You can get a good six, though."

"SEEMS to me a four-cylinder car would be a lot easier to repair 'han a six," said Henry as they passed a shiny new four-cylinder model.

"You're dead right, son," stated Gus emphatically. "Just fifty percent less work when it comes to grinding valves or putting in new rings or tightening up connecting rod bearings. And it's a whole lot easier to locate trouble in a four-cylinder engine, too. There was a time when the four-cylinder cars were a whole lot rougher running than the sixes, but what with light pistons and good stiff crankshafts, the four-cylinder cars of today are pretty durn smooth. If you look at it from the standpoint of expense for repairs and the amount of work you will have to do yourself, the four-cylinder car is certainly the best bet.

"Outside of work on the motor itself, a light six won't require any more attention than a four. Changing tires or overhauling the rear end or anything like that is the same on both. Are you going to drive the car too, Grace?"

"You bet I'm going to drive!" said

Grace emphatically.

"Then don't forget, Henry, that a sixcylinder car needs less gear shifting than a four. Grace would get along better with a six on that account. Whatever car you buy, though, (Continued on page 142)

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Newest Aids for the Autoist

An Arm Rest for Closed Cars, and Other Useful Ideas

HILE the driver of a touring car or runabout usually finds that the side of the body is low enough so that he can rest his left arm comfortably along the edge of the body beside the seat, the owner of a closed car is not so fortunate, especially when the window is partly closed in cold weather. A simple arm rest can be constructed out of sheet metal and screwed to the side of the body at a convenient height. Figs. 1 and 2 show a typical example. The galvanized or sheet iron framework is covered with upholstery fabric to match the interior trim of the car. On long drives, an arm rest of this type will add greatly to the comfort of the driver. Fairly heavy padding is desirable to promote comfort.

IN SOME makes of cars, the choker rod is fitted with a spring to pull it back into position when the knob is released. This construction is used to make it impossible for the motorist to forget to throw off the choker after the motor is warmed up, but it is a nuisance in very cold weather when it is necessary to hold the choker out for some time because the motor heats up so slowly. A piece of sheet iron bent up and slotted as shown in Fig. 3 will eliminate this trouble. The motorist will have to bend and shape the device to suit the construction of his own choker rod, and it will be a good idea to fix it so that it will hold the choker in approximately the position required for warming up rather than for starting. In

order to make sure that the device will always be handy when needed, get in the habit of tucking it down at the end of the seat cushion

when not in use.

VITH many of the oil-regulating types of piston rings, it is necessary to drill holes in the piston ring slots to allow the excess oil that is scraped off the cylinder walls to flow back into the crankcase by way of holes through the pistons. Great care must be taken in drilling these holes to make sure that they are spaced properly and that the drill does not cut into the side of the slot and cause the gas to leak past the piston rings. A simple way to avoid these difficulties is to make a drill jig out of a piece of one of the old piston rings. Fig. 4 shows how this

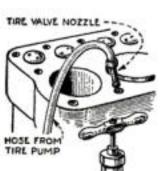
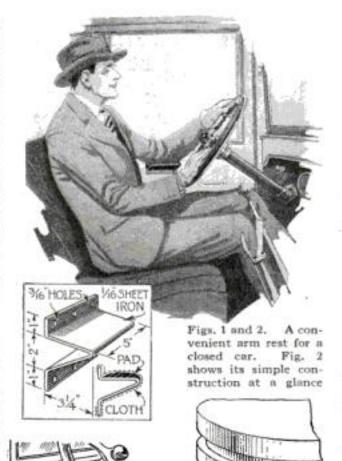


Fig. 7. A tire pump will prove useful in cleaning out bolt holes that have become filled with carbon

can be done. Drill the hole in the piece of old piston ring a trifle larger than ordinarily.

SIMPLE A way to make a satisfactory bumper for your car is shown in Fig. 5. It consists of two brackets made of heavy



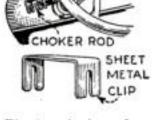
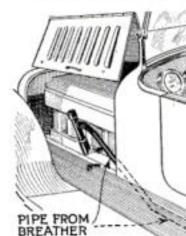


Fig. 3. A piece of sheet iron bent and slotted makes handy choker rod holder



ND SPACED

Fig. 4. To prevent cut-

ting into piston ring

slots, use a drill jig

made from an old ring

Fig. 6. A branch from the breather pipe run back under the car will divert the noxious breather fumes to rear of car

Fig. 5. A homemade bumper can be constructed from a three-inch iron pipe and pieces of heavy strap iron

strap iron, some U-bolts, and a section of three-inch iron pipe with caps screwed on the ends. A coat of enamel can be applied to match the car or the bumper bar can be nickel plated.

NE source of discomfort in the closed motor car that is annoying and unhealthful is the burnt gas that gets into the body from the breather pipe by way of the pedal slots and the other openings in the floor boards and dash. Even in a motor that is in perfect working order, more or less of the exploding gas leaks past the piston rings into the crankcase. The breather pipe in the crankcase allows this escaped gas to flow out of the crankcase, otherwise the accumulated pressure would cause loss of power and considerable oil leakage. One simple way to get rid of these noxious gases is to fit a tight cap over the top of the breather pipe and also fit a branch pipe that is run back far enough under the body so that the gases will be discharged to the rear of the car, as shown in Fig. 6. The size of pipe is not important, although it is not a good idea to use smaller than 1/4-inch inside diameter. Copper tubing will do very nicely.

INDOUBTEDLY a large number of cylinder head bolts are stripped each year simply because the hole in the cylinder block into which the bolts were screwed filled up with carbon when the tops of the pistons were scraped and the extra force applied in an attempt to force

the bolts up tight proved too much for the threads. It is a mighty good idea to insert the bolts loosely in the holes nearest the piston being scraped, but if carbon does get into them, it can be removed very easily by screwing a tire pump hose to a spare valve stem and blowing the carbon out of the holes. The end of the valve stem that goes inside the tube is made regularly with a small hole that will do nicely as a nozzle. The flange can be sawed off, if desired, as shown in Fig. 7. Use a pointed instrument to loosen up the carbon if it caked hard.

INING up the hole in the spring → bushing with holes in the shackle is no simple job. Frequently the

threads of the shackle bolt are battered in forcing it into place. A simple remedy is a pointed cap nut in place of the regular shackle bolt nut, which can be driven into place with a hammer. (Fig. 8). An ordi-

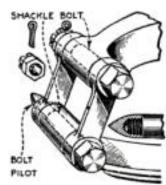


Fig. 8. A pointed cap nut nary nut can be simplifies task of getting spring bushing and shackle filed this shape. holes together for the bolt

Ten Dollars for an Idea!

CHARLES S. JONES, of Philadelphia, Pa., wins the \$10 prize this month for his homemade bumper, which is shown in Fig. 5.

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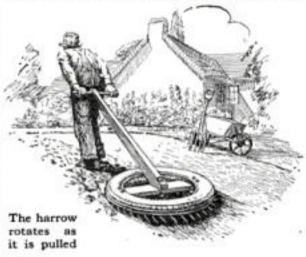




Mr Home Workshop

A Rotating Harrow Lightens the Work of Gardening .

FOR garden patches where the space does not permit the operation of horsedrawn implements, the leveling and smoothing of the ground in preparing a seed bed usually has to be done with a garden rake—a slow and tedious job. A practical tool for performing this work may be made from an old auto or truck casing, four pounds of 30-penny spikes, a

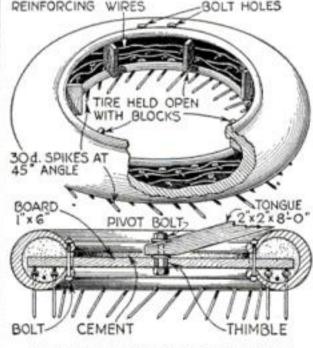


bolt, some cement and sand, and two pieces of timber.

The size of the casing to use depends on the strength of the operator or the power that may be available. One 30 by 31/2 in. will make a one-man tool.

Hold the casing open with sticks or blocks and drive the 30-penny spikes through as shown at about a 45-deg. angle, staggered 4 in. apart. Allow the heads of the spikes to remain 1/2 in. above the inner surface of the casing. Bind the heads with a few pieces of wire to serve as reinforcement for the cement.

Before pouring the cement into the casing, fasten a 1 by 6 in, board across with four bolts, as indicated. Mix one part of cement and three parts coarse



Large spikes are driven through an old auto casing, which is then filled with concrete

sand or gravel and pour into the casing. Allow the cement to set for several days.

A 1-in, hole then is bored through the board at the center of the casing; a thimble cut from a 34-in. pipe, 1 in. long, is provided; and the tongue or pulling arm, 2 by 2 in. by 8 ft., is pivoted in place with a 35-in. (Continued on page 85)

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I Wanted a Hand Planing Machine

So I Made One-It Has Easy Running Ball Bearings, and It Cost Me Very Little to Build

By RAY F. KUNS,

Principal Automotive Trades School, Cincinnati, O.

Materials for this

tained easily. The ball bearings are from a junked auto. Note the cutter head and the adjusting ways for the forward table in the view below

jointer can be ob-

ports is made from 1 by 3-in, cold rolled steel. The rear table rests L are two 15-in, lengths of this material. Cap screws fasten them to the frame.

Inasmuch as the rear table does not require a great deal of adjusting, the plan of allowing the table to rest on four cap screws was adopted. These screws may be turned to any necessary height; then the table is laid in place and clamped securely by means of the other cap screws arranged to come just 1 in. inside each of the first four on which the table is resting. All cap screws used to fasten the tables are 36-in., and have the tops of the heads dressed off until they are nested in countersunk holes.

The rear table could be adjusted more conveniently if it were provided with sliding ways as is the front. That is

optional with the builder.

The front table must be provided with casy means of adjusting the depth of the cut. To avoid complications, blocks of cold rolled bar are cut as indicated at F. The cut is at 45 degrees. In order to prevent the ways that are screwed to the forward table from slipping off their companion ways bolted to the frame, a cap screw and washer arrangement is used. Each of the four lower ways is drilled and tapped as near to the 45 degree edge as possible (Continued on page 93)

HIS jointer, or hand planer, as it is often called, was first designed for use in a home workshop. It was so efficient that a second one was constructed on the same plan for use in a school shop.

While it is not designed to carry a heavy, continuous load, each of these machines is reasonably accurate and on occasion will surface the face of a 10-in. board. The same general plan might be followed for a machine for lighter service. To run out a machine for heavy service, the head would have to be made more substantial and the size of the motor increased.

In most cities, a half-horsepower electric motor is about as large as is permissible on the regular lighting circuit. That is the size used in this instance. The speed of the head is held to about 3500

revolutions a minute. A 2-in. belt is used to drive the jointer. The motor is mounted directly on the machine and the adjustment on the glued belt is made by sliding the motor down in slots provided for that purpose in the board used for mounting the motor.

Equal-leg angle irons, 1/4 by 3 in., are used for the legs and for the top of the frame supporting the head and the tables. The braces E are made from 1/4 by 2-in, angle

The frames made up from the parts J, M and E are first put together. If the shop is equipped to do welding, the corners are welded.

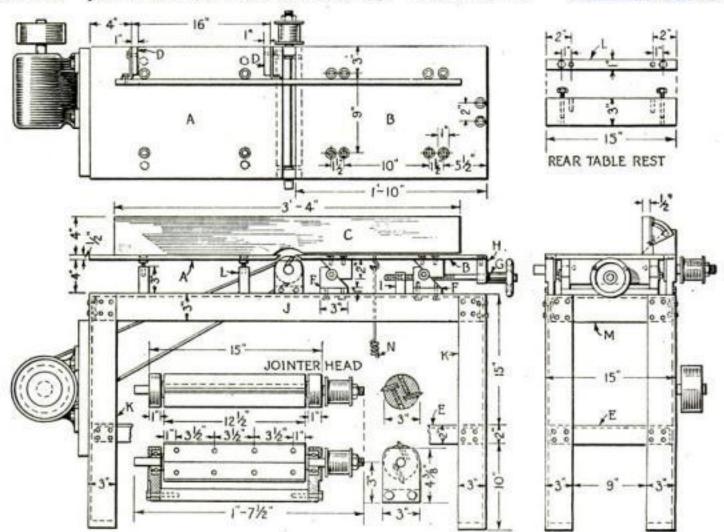
The legs K next are worked to size and riveted to the two frames. Welding could be resorted to instead of riveting for this work, but the danger of the parts being warped out of square is considerable.

Plates made from short lengths of the 3-in, angle iron are riveted into the lower corners of the legs to make feet, and they serve as anchors for fastening the machine to

the floor. One-half inch holes are drilled for the lag screws or bolts before fastening these feet in place.

Particular care should be used to see that the top of the frame is fairly level, otherwise trouble will be experienced in fitting the tables and head to it.

With the frame in good condition, the work on the tables and the head may proceed. It will be noted that a good part of the head frame and table sup-



Top, front and end views of the jointer and details of the rear table rest and the cutter head. The cutters are made from strips of tool steel. The same general design can be followed for a lighter machine

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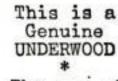
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How Expert Mechanics Save Time and Labor



Old Bill Repairs a Machine Bed

How to Draw Broken Parts Together with Red-Hot Keys

OLD BILL, standing in front of the shop watching the traffic go by, thought the day, with the first real marks of spring in the air, was glorious. It was wonderful to have a moment of leisure to look at the people driving by,

and to see the first sprouts of green on a tree down the street.

Even so energetic a man as Old Bill seems to feel a certain lassitude in the spring sunshine, and he reveled in the thought that he had nothing in particular to do on such a delightful morning.

"You are wanted on the phone," came a call from inside—a pin to burst his bubble of revery. He went into the office.

"This is he," he said into the transmitter. "Yes, I can come right away."

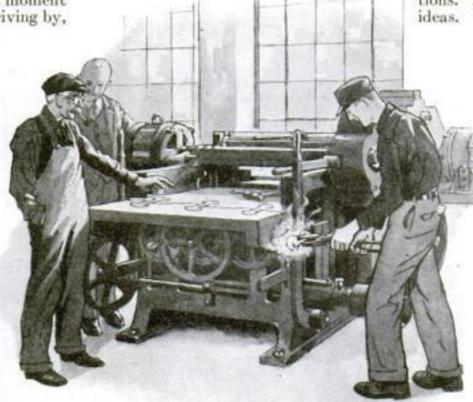
The smile that passed with the summons was back, or, rather, another smile took its place. Before, he had been glad just to be living; now he was happy because he was again in his element. He straightened the shoulders

that had carried so many burdens straightened them to receive another; and, once more the efficient man of machinery, he walked briskly through the shop before getting his flivver for a short trip to a furniture factory on the edge of the town.

Modern industry demands machinery that will perform superhuman tasks. To this end designers and inventors have gathered machine elements together into a compact and complicated mass that they call an automatic machine. Almost human, an automatic machine! With many tools hogging, snarling, ripping and boring their way into the work at the same time! Moving parts that start, carry and stop with the delicacy and precision of human fingers! Gigantic frames that stand firm as granite!

I TWAS such a machine Old Bill had been called to doctor. A 20-ft. length of line shaft had been dropped on it and had cracked the bed.

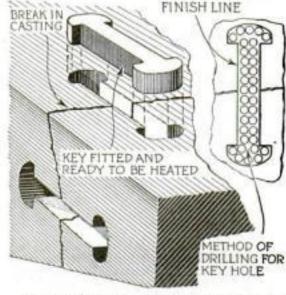
To Old Bill's eye, the gathering around the machine had the semblance of a family gazing at the ruin of a home destroyed by fire. The whole factory force, with the possible exception of the fireman, was standing around the crippled machine. The accident had stopped production By James Ellis
Machine Shop Superintendent



Old Bill supervised the placing of the heated steel keys, which pulled the two parts of the cracked table firmly together as the keys cooled and shrunk

entirely for, as is often the case, the one machine played a part in everything that went through the plant.

These things did not tarry long in Old Bill's mind. He was studying the damage. A big overhanging section of the frame had been broken off. The casting was about an inch thick and formed a sort of extension of the main bed of the machine, and carried two spindles. The operators had taken off everything removable.



An electric drill and chipping chisels were used in preparing the T-slots for the keys

"Could you weld it?" the president of the company asked.

Old Bill slowly shook his head. He appeared not to hear several other questions. He was ransacking his mind for ideas. First he looked at the top of the

break, and at the bottom; then stood off and looked at the sides. Finally he said: "Get it cleaned up, and I will be back in a little while."

"What are you going to do, and how long will it take?"

"Fix it—and by tomorrow morning," Old Bill replied, and grinned.

THE head of the firm started to speak, thought better of it, and shook his head doubtfully as Old Bill hurried out of the plant.

The ruts in the road seemed but creases in velvet to Old Bill as he drove the flivver to the shop. Only long training in driving enabled him to dodge the cars that darted in front. His mind was on something else.

In the shop he sought Bob Laten first and told him to

gather up some tools. Then he went to the blacksmith shop and drew a little sketch.

"Leave some stock so that we can machine these keys to fit," he said, and hurried off to find Laten with the tools in a bag and an electric drill beside it.

At the plant, Old Bill and Bob Laten began to lay off some holes. The apprentice whom they had brought along connected the drill. In a few minutes chips were flying.

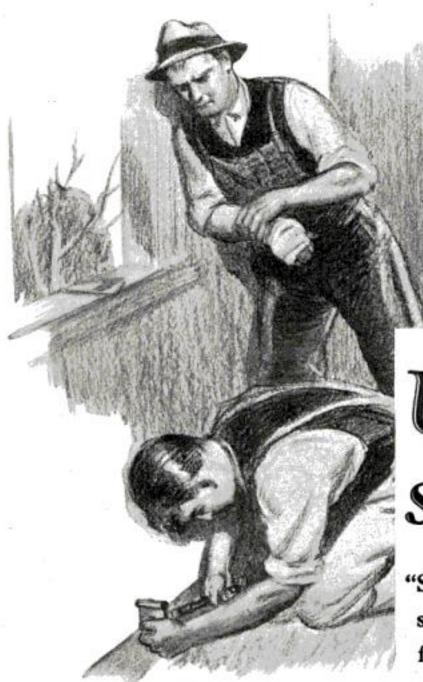
Old Bill's method of repairing the break was apparent to the factory superintendent, who stood beside the president.

"He is going to cut tee slots in the edges of the broken casting," he said, "and then shrink keys in to hold the parts together. The same way that the flywheel on our engine is made."

"Will it be strong?" the president

"Just about as strong as anything else could be," Old Bill said, as he stood back and watched the work. "It is the best thing to do in (Continued on page 108)

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By LAWRENCE B. ROBBINS

SMOOTH RUNNING, clean cutting lawnmower gives zest to trimming

the lawn, just as a freshly stropped razor does to shaving. It makes you feel like clipping the grass, instead of looking on it as merely another job.

Ordinarily, the lawnmower is a much abused implement. It is sometimes a wonder that it goes at all. Dust and dead grass frequently choke the bearings; the blades are dulled and nicked by stones, tin cans and pieces of wire; and even

Well, let's give it a real overhauling this year and make the lawn cutting game a joy instead of a tack.

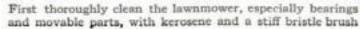
the handle wobbles on its trunnions.

First, let's give it a bath of kerosene by taking off each wheel and washing out every bearing with an old brush saturated with kerosene. Now you can see the parts of the machine.

The blades are supported on a frame called the cylinder. This runs on two cone bearings, one at each (Continued on page 79)

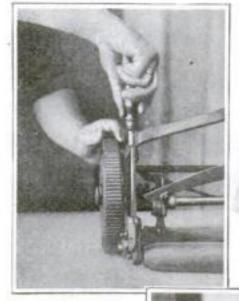






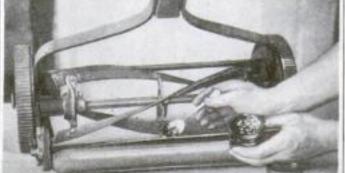


If revolving blades are too loose, the bearings at each end should be tightened, but not too much



The stationary blade next should be adjusted (above) so that each revolving blade will just touch it. This is usually accomplished by loosening one screw a fraction of a turn and tightening another one alongside it a similar degree





The internal or pinion shaft and other parts should be well greased (above)

Carborundum and oil or a valvegrinding compound is smeared over stationary blade (at left) as the first step in sharpening

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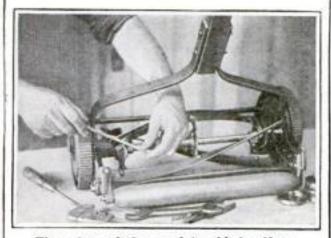
end, and should turn just freely enough to revolve without any play. To take up any looseness, turn up or down the two setscrews found at each end of the cylinder, or loosen the single setscrew and turn up the cone with a nail, according to the type of bearing.

Then, by means of adjusting screws, set the stationary blade at the bottom so that it just touches the revolving blades all along their length—not tightly enough to bind, but enough to cause slight friction as they pass by. It is good practice to lower this bar before testing and adjusting the cylinder bearings, but in any case, it should be raised now to meet the revolving blades.

Turning on a short shaft on the disk behind each drive wheel is a small gear

called the pinion.

Back of the pinion is a small bit of steel called a pawl. This engages the blades when the mower is pushed.



The points of the revolving blades, if too long, should be filed down on a slight bevel

Pull off the pinions and clean the pawls. If they are badly worn, either buy new ones or make them from a piece of tool steel, hardening them afterward. Then put back the pinions, after oiling the pawls thoroughly. Smear the gear teeth and pinion shafts with petrolatum.

A good method of home sharpening is to reverse the pinions, side for side, so that the blades will run backward, and replace the wheels. Mix fine carbor undum powder with machine oil, work into a smooth paste, spread evenly over the stationary blade, and then push the machine upside down along the floor.

Keep pushing forward and backward until the blades will spin when the machine is brought to rest. Test for sharpness by inserting bits of paper between the stationary and revolving blades. If they are not cut clean when the blades are revolved, repeat the process with more carborundum compound and adjust the stationary blade closer to the cylinder, if necessary. A file can be used for beveling the extreme end of each blade where the points are apt to be left too high.

Clean off all grinding compound, replace the pinions in their proper order, and reassemble. All exposed movable parts should be oiled thoroughly; the remaining surfaces should be wiped with benzine or gasoline and painted.

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Remodeling a Mantelshelf

A Simple Way to Modernize an Old-Fashioned Fireplace

PRESENT-DAY modes in fireplace design favor the projection of the chimney into the room. It should rise straight up from the front and sides to the ceiling, or slope from the sides, or incline from the front and sides as well. If you have one of the old-style mantels in

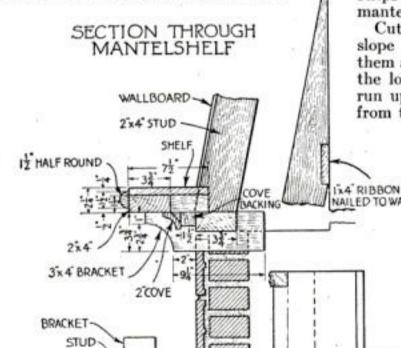
your living- or diningroom with a flat-topped mantelshelf, you can remodel it easily to conform to one of the other designs, and in that way bring the room more in harmony with the modern trend in interior decoration.

For the design illustrated, carefully remove the shelf by prying off the moldings with a chisel and lifting the shelf upward.

Make two brackets of 3 by 4 in. stock 12 in. long, and cut on the front edge of each a cove with a radius of 2¾ in. Cut a notch in the upper edge 4¾ in. back from the front end to receive a 2 by 4 in. plate, as shown in the sectional drawing.

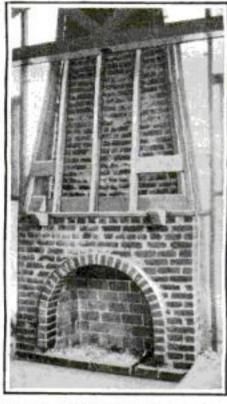
Locate the positions of the brackets near each end, say 12 in. to the inner faces, and with a small chisel chip out the face tile or brick to receive the brackets. Start near the center and chip very carefully to avoid cracking the tile or loosening it. The backing brick can be attacked more boldly. Nail the plate to the brackets and place

the latter in the notches in the brickwork.



The upper view shows a section through the shelf and upper framework. The lower detail is a plan of the shelf corner

LINE OF MANTEL FRONT



Interior decorators favor fireplaces built so as to give a lofty appearance

Return the plate to the wall at each end by butting short pieces against the front plate, and secure the ends by nailing them to a strip nailed on the wall. This groundwork should be well leveled and flush with the faces of the fireplace.

Plumb up on the wall to the picture mold from each end of the fireplace, and measure in at the top for a slope equal to the slope of the front.

About 16 in, below the mold nail a 1 by 4 in, ribbon horizontally across the studs, ending at the slope lines, and nail 1 by 4 in, backing strips between the ends and the mantel plates.

Cut three front studs to fit the slope against the wall, notching them around the ribbon and fitting the lower ends to the plates, and run up corner studs to slope both from the front and ends. Tack up

and test for alinement with a straightedge, and after any necessary alterations, nail up solidly.

Where the light brackets are to come, cut pieces of 1 by 6 in. boards between the outer studs, keeping them flush with the outside. Bore accurately placed holes through which to bring in the wiring, which may be extended through loom from the wiring of the old brackets, or, in the absence of these, wires can be tapped from the ceiling and brought down inside the built-out flue. The frame should now resemble that in photograph.

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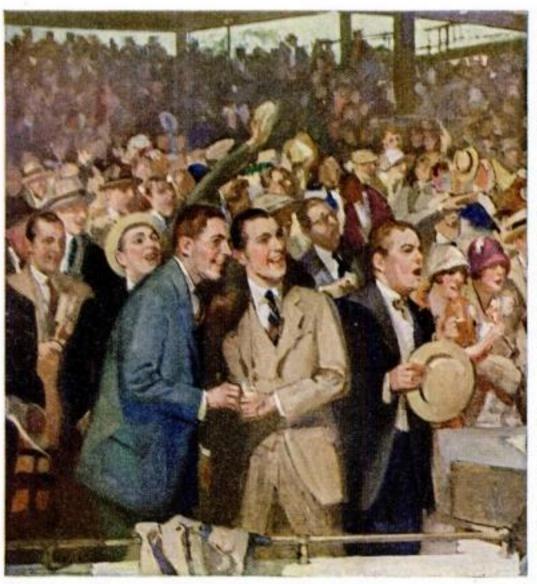
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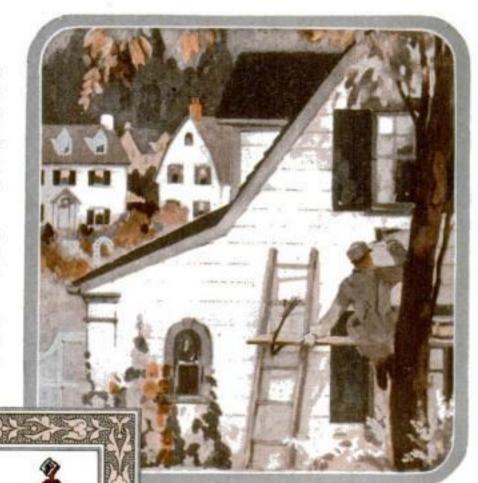
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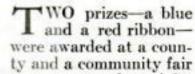
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to the miniature kitchen cabinet illustrated. I made this by following an article in the January, 1924, issue of Popular Science Monthly.

The cabinet was constructed of yellow pine with wallboard panels.

It was given one coat of flat white and a thin coat of white furniture enamel.

The ornamental design and initials were drawn outside the glass doors with a pencil-shaped piece of laundry soap and then painted on the inside with gold enamel.—Roy C. Bradbury.

Remodeling a Mantelshelf

(Continued from page 80)

For the shelf, use 1 by 8 in. stock, well surfaced. Miter the corners, butt the returns at the ends against the wall by scribing them to the plaster, and notch around the false studs to give a projection of 1½ in. beyond the bracket ends.

Flush with the face edge on the under side nail a 2 by 4 in. piece, surfaced four sides. Miter the corners for ½ in., and shoulder the rest of the joint, as shown in the plan view.

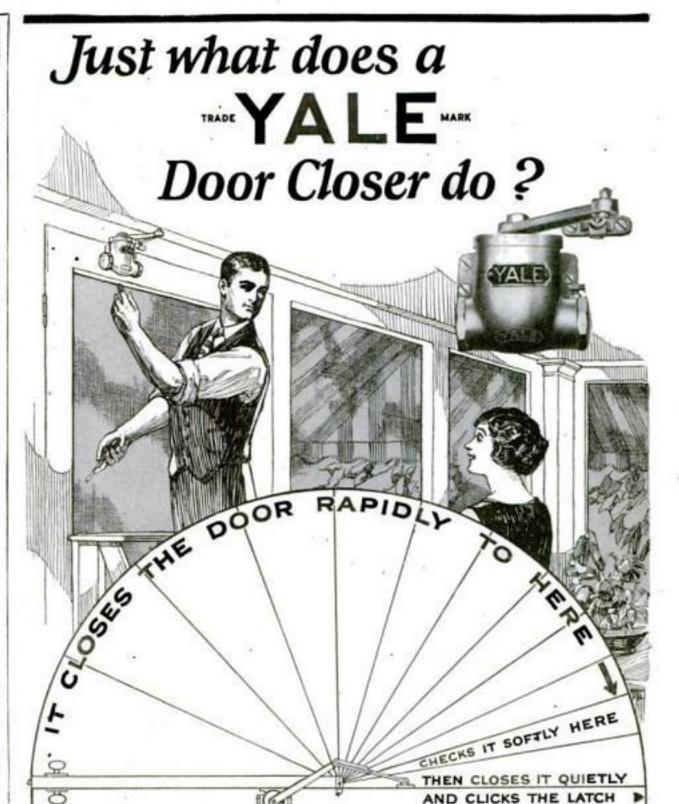
Glue this joint to the miter of the shelf, and further reinforce the miter joint by gluing and nailing under it a triangular "scab," as indicated. So treated, the miter in the shelf should open very little through shrinkage.

To support the rear edge of the shelf, nail a block against each stud, bearing on the plate and against the 2 by 4 in. piece on the under side of the shelf. Between the brackets nail a 1½ by 1½ in. strip flat against the under edges of the blocks and against the plate, and miter a 2-in. cove around under the shelf with this strip as a backing. Miter a 1½-in. half-round molding to the shelf edge, showing a margin of ¼ in. above.

Cover the false studs with wallboard, carefully fitting the end pieces against the wall and mitering the corners. Decorate to match the room, and put up the lighting fixtures.

If it is desired to run the face of the flue plumb from the mantel face, nail suitable cleats to the ceiling against which to secure the upper ends of the studs.

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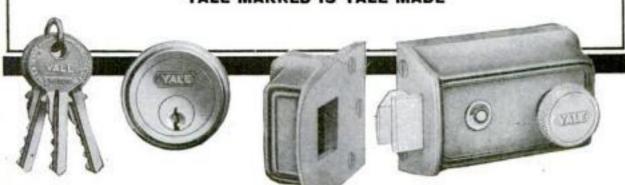
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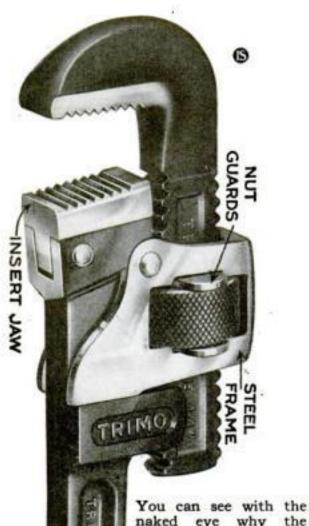
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Wood Turning without a Lathe

By RUFUS E. DEERING

WOULD you believe that you can make graceful, spirally turned legs for homemade furniture with the commonest of hand tools, and do it more easily than you could shape almost any of the much commoner types of posts? Most beginners in woodwork would say it is impossible, yet the process is really simple. The steps in shaping the spirals, which can be made any size desired, are shown below.



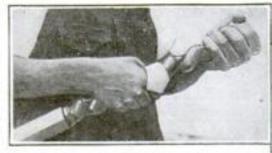
1 Shape the part round with drawknife, pocket-knife, or a wood rasp. It need not be smooth but should be round



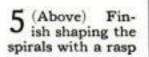
2 Cut a long strip of paper as wide as the pitch desired, wrap it around the wood as shown at the left; then mark the spiral with a pencil



4 Use the edge of a half round wood rasp to deepen and widen the narrow groove previously made with a hand saw



7 Hold a piece of sandpaper in the palm of one hand and rotate the work to finish smoothing the continuous spiral surfaces





6 Smooth very carefully with sandpaper wrapped around file or stick

8 (At left) Work out knobs, balls, octagons and other shapes with wood rasps and coarse bastard files, finishing with sandpaper

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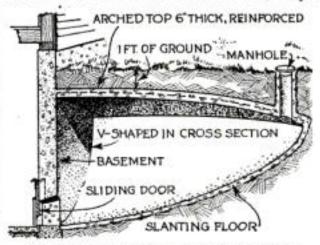
How I Improved My Cellar by Making a Coal Vault

By EUGENE L. GIESE

TO KEEP costs down, the builders of I many homes plan for small basements. In my home, this defect was remedied by building a coal bin outside the foundation wall. Besides affording more room, it allows the basement to be kept cleaner and to be put to more uses.

The concrete bin holds six tons and has a manhole conveniently located for filling. The bottom slants rather steeply toward the coal opening in the basement.

The forms for the concrete are placed in the excavation somewhat in the shape



An excavation is made outside the cellar and a concrete vault or bin is constructed

of a V, so that the top of the bin is noticeably wider than the bottom. This facilitates the feeding of the coal to the coal opening in the cellar. The top of the bin is a foot or more below the ground so that it will not interfere with planting.

Not until after the concrete walls have set for several days are the forms for the roof of the bin placed in position. The top is in the shape of a flat arch and is made of concrete at least 6 in. thick, with reinforcing, so that the roof will support a reasonable weight. The writer used steel lath for reinforcing the roof.

A sliding coal door in the basement was found to be the most satisfactory. The frame was made from 2 by 8 in. material, grooved to hold a stout door.

Have You a Good Idea?

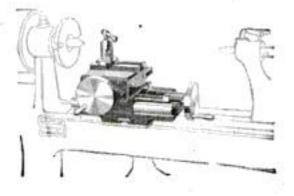
IN CONNECTION with William Draper Brinckloe's article, "How to Utilize Your Cellar," published last month, we asked readers who have worked out good ways of using their cellars to send letters describing their ideas to the Editor. Payment will be made for letters suitable for reproduction.

The suggestion in the above article is of special timeliness, as many householders ran out of coal during the strike last winter and suffered great expense and inconvenience simply because their coal bins were too small to hold a winter's supply.

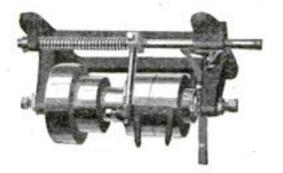
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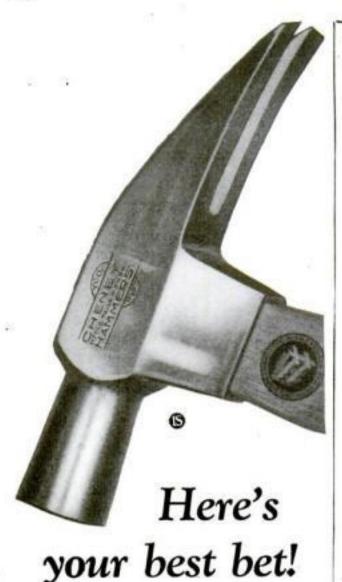
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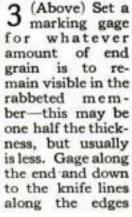
By EMANUEL E. ERICSON, Noted Manual Training Authority

A MATEUR mechanics mechanics who nail and screw together their woodwork without any pretense at joinery are missing half the fun of woodworking. To make a workmanlike joint gives real delight. This and similar articles to come will show you the secrets of cabinetmaking.

You will find many uses for rabbeted joints in making furniture, and, indeed, in all sorts of woodwork. Drawer fronts, for instance, are often rabbeted to take the side pieces, instead of being dovetailed. Sometimes this is called an end-lap joint.

After face-marking the pieces, place one member on the other and even at the end and edges, and make a mark in the inner corner as shown at left. Both pieces, it might be well to remind the amateur, should have carefully squared ends

2 Remove the vertical member and place the knife in the mark previously made. Then move a try-square against the knife and draw a line across the surface. Continue the line halfway down each edge. On rough work a pencil is used instead of a knife, but it is easier to work accurately to a knife line



(At left) Place 4 the piece in a vise and cut down on the gage lines with a ripsaw, beginning the cut on the nearer corner. As you proceed with the cutting, bring the saw level



Glue the joint and fasten with plenty of finishing nails or screws, at the same time testing for squareness



5 Lay the piece flat on a bench hook or fasten it in the vise and cut away the surplus wood with a crosscut or back-saw. Beginners usually find it best, and it is always safest, to cut a V-groove with a knife or chisel before making a saw cut of this kind

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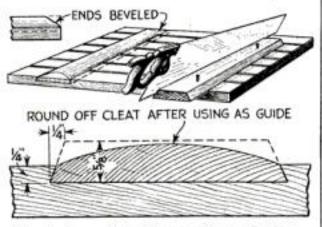
Easy Way to Make Small Cupboard Doors

By Donald A. Price

SMALL cupboard doors with dovetail battens running the full width can be made quite easily. For instance, if a door 22 by 26 in. is required, cut the tongueand-groove material approximately the right size. Nail it down lightly on the workbench or any other flat working space.

The size of the cross cleats, in this case 31/2 in. wide at the wider end, should be determined, and they should be given a taper of 1/2 in. to the foot, or, in this instance, made 21/2 in. at the narrow end. They should be about 2 in, longer than the finished width of the door. Both edges should be beveled as shown by the dotted lines.

Nail the finished cleats temporarily on the door on their proper center lines so



The cleats are tacked temporarily on the door as a guide in making the dovetail saw cuts

that they will serve as templets for cutting the grooves. The small end should be placed a short distance inside the edge of the door, as illustrated, to allow for the thickness of the saw kerfs. This distance will vary from 1 to 2 in., according to the thickness of the saw.

The saw can be guided by holding it tightly against the beveled edges of the cleat. Make the saw cuts 1/4 in. deep on both sides, remove the cleat and rout the groove to a depth of 1/4 in. over all. Then round the top of the cleat, coat the groove with glue, and drive the cleat in as far as it will go. Cut off the ends and bevel them to give a neat finish.

It is necessary, of course, to attach the hinges to the cleats. Variations of this method can be used for other work, such as making a shop drawing-board that will stay flat, in which case, however, glue the cleats only at the center to allow the board to expand and contract.

A Rotating Harrow

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bolt. Do not overlook the two washers that prevent the cramping of the parts.

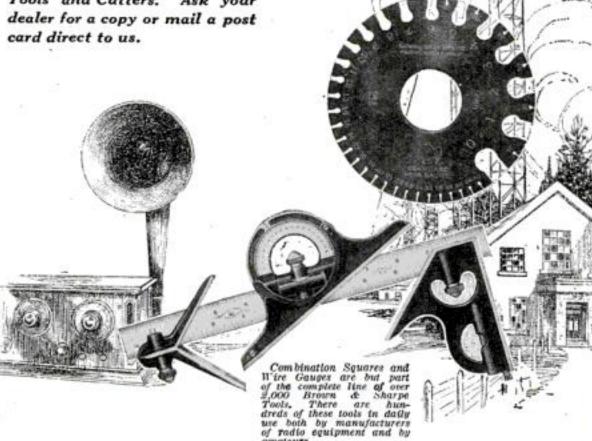
A handle, made from a piece of broomstick, extends about 16 in. on each side of the tongue.

As the harrow is pulled along, the spikes at one side stick into the ground while those on the other side slide over the surface, causing the harrow to revolve, thus breaking up and leveling the clods.—George G. McVicker.

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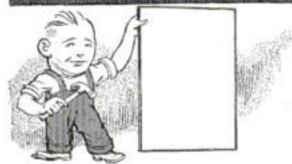
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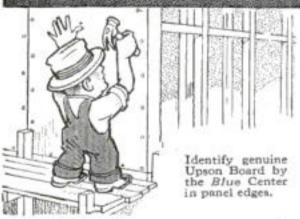
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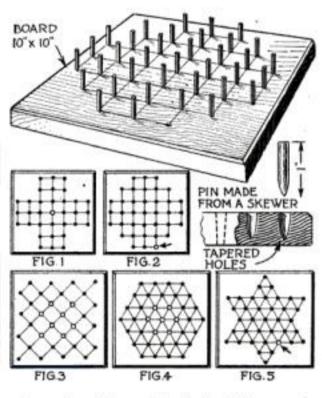
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Five Curious Puzzle Boards

By ARTHUR L. SMITH

THE OLD game of solitaire will furnish a great fund of amusement for all members of the family in reward for a few hours' work in making the board. It opens up a wide field for those of an inventive mind, who may delight in devising new forms of the game. Those of a mathematical turn of mind will find pleasure in discovering the underlying law that governs the position of the counters, making a solution either possible or impossible.

Boards may be made of any suitable material and embellished to suit the taste of the constructor. The simplest way is to draw on a board about 10 in. square any



Unusual variations of standard solitaire game boards (Figs. 1, 2) are shown in Figs. 3, 4 and 5

one of the designs illustrated, or an original one.

Holes are drilled or punched at all the intersections. They are best if tapered, and the writer has used a center punch in making them, after grinding it to the taper desired. There is little danger of splitting the board if care is taken.

To make the pegs, a handful of wooden skewers may be obtained from a butcher. A point is ground on the end of one with a pencil sharpener and the peg cut off to the proper length, about 1 in. A sufficient number of pegs can be made by this method in a short time.

After the pegs are inserted, the problem consists of jumping them out, as in the game of checkers. A true solution is reached when all the pegs are taken but the last, which should land in the central hole whenever the design permits it.

If preferred, counters or checkers may be used instead of pegs, and round or square spots painted on the board in place

Figs. 1 and 2 are the standard games of solitaire mentioned in dictionaries and encyclopædias. Fig. 3 is an old checker

puzzle adapted to the peg board. Figs. 4 and 5 are designs to show how new games may be devised.

In Figs. 1, 2 and 5, pegs are put into all the holes and the player has the choice of removing any one in order that the jumping process may begin. In Fig. 1, a true solution is possible if the central peg is removed. In Fig. 2 it is doubtful, though it is left as an open question for the reader to decide.

Solutions are given that leave pegs standing in all the circumferential holes while the last one lands in the center, but this does not seem to be bona fide. If a corner peg (indicated in the drawing by a circle) is removed, the pegs can be jumped out, but the last one will be most contrary about landing in the center.

In Fig. 5, the case is similar to that of Fig. 2. The pegs may be jumped out if the peg indicated in the drawing by a circle is removed instead of the central one.

Twenty-four pegs are employed in Fig. 3. They occupy the two outer rows, while eight holes are left vacant in the center of the board. As it stands, a solution is probably impossible, but it becomes possible if, at the beginning of the game, one peg may be removed, or if one peg may be added in one of the two central holes, or if one of the inner pegs not in the lines connecting the double corners may be moved one space in.

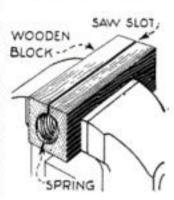
The player who tries to work the puzzle as it stands usually becomes confused after intense mental effort and unconsciously inserts or removes a peg and is delighted when all are jumped.

In Fig. 4, a similar design is offered in which seven inner holes are left vacant. A true solution can be effected here, and you will be delighted to see the last man land obligingly in the center.

The third article in this series by one of the foremost authorities on puzzles will appear in an early issue.

A Quick Way to Make Rings

RECENTLY devised the WOODEN method illustrated BLOCK -for making a number of wire rings out of a closely coiled spring. After boring a hole slightly larger than the coiled spring through a block of wood, I made a



saw cut to serve as a guide for a hacksaw and then placed the block and spring in the vise. Cutting through one side of the spring resulted in a series of rings, each of which could be closed and flattened with a few taps of a hammer.-W. J. E.

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Easiest Way to Wire Lamp

By George A. Willoughby

Supervisor of Electric Work, Arthur Hill Trade School, Saginaw, Mich.

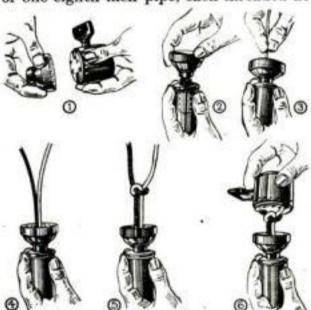
FROM the shelf above his cellar workbench, Fred Andrews, one of my neighbors, lifted carefully a pair of silver

and blue candlesticks.

"What do you think of them?" he asked. Before I could tell him how much I liked them, he went on: "You know I found them knocking around the attic. They must have belonged to my grandmother. All I did was to wash off the dust and soot of forty years, give them a coat of gesso, and polychrome them. What I want you to tell me, though, is how to wire them for electric light."

"That's easy," I said, "but you'll need a hole all the way through for the wire." "That was the first thing I did," Fred said—"bored a hole all the way through."

"Then you will need two short pieces of one eighth inch pipe, each threaded at



How to perform the six simple operations necessary in wiring a single electric lamp

one end; two sockets, and some silk lamp cord. All you have to do is to enlarge the hole in the top of the candlestick—the same method, by the way, will do for any kind of small lamp you happen to be wiring-so that the short length of gas pipe can be pushed firmly into it. Now then, take the socket apart by pressing the shell at the point marked 'press.' Screw the cap of the socket onto the small pipe, and push the cord through the candlestick, pipe, and cap. If it is too tight a fit, push a stiff wire through first and draw the cord after it.

"Next, split the cord carefully, without removing the rubber covering, tie an Underwriters' knot in it, scrape the insulation from the very ends, attach the wires to the socket terminals, and as-

semble the socket in place."

Fred thought this was an easy way of doing it, as, indeed, it is. Frames for bed lamps, in particular, often are sold with a small piece of pipe in place, so that it is necessary only to cover the frame with suitable cloth and connect up the socket.

It is essential not to omit tying the Underwriters' knot. Mr. Willoughby told how on page 108 of March issue.

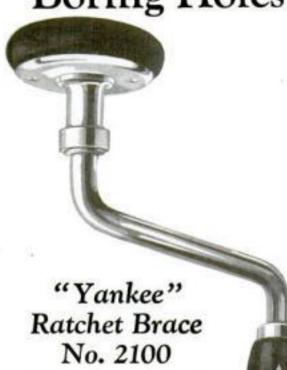


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away the sides of the hull pieces B until they fit the templets at the six construction lines II to VII. Hold the two pieces together and see that they match. If you deviate from the actual section lines, it is of no particular importance; the main thing is to see that pieces B are approximately alike.

Glue and lightly nail pieces B to the center piece, so that the construction lines on all three correspond.

To lighten the model it is desirable, but not at all necessary, to scoop out a lot of the inside wood, leaving at least 3% in. at the edges.

Bore the nine \(\frac{3}{16}\)-in. holes for the cannon about \(\frac{1}{2}\) in. below the edge, so that the guns will point slightly up, and forward and aft at the ends. (See Fig. 1.)

Obtain, if possible, a piece of 1/6-in. three-ply wood (airplane or waterproof stock), which can be had from some veneer dealers in 2-ft, square pieces. Otherwise

use heavy cardboard, several thicknesses of thin cardboard glued together, or, better still, glue together five thicknesses of thin wood veneer with casein (waterproof) glue.

Take a piece 5½ in. wide and 18 in. long and cut it approximately to the shape of the main deck D, Fig. 2. This, as well as two of the other decks, will need a slot at the ends to fit around the center piece, which makes the whole rigid. Glue and nail the main deck in place (after noting the suggestions given later on in regard to fastening the bitts), and trim the edges to agree with the side pieces.

Cut two bulwarks from the same material to the shape shown at C, Fig. 2, and in them cut the ¼ in. square gun ports and the ¼-in. round hawse hole. Bevel the forward edge so that it fits snugly against the center piece. Leave ¼ in. extra length at (Continued on page 90)

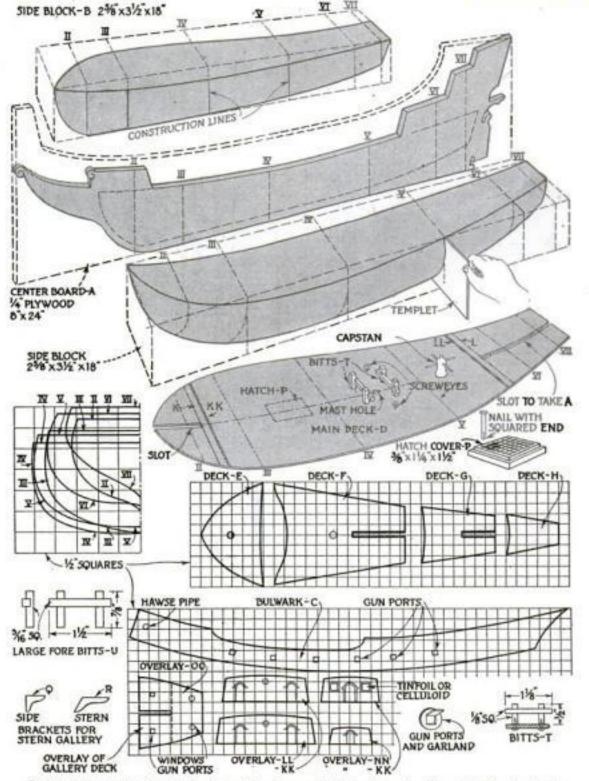


Fig. 2. The center board, the two side pieces and their six section lines, the five decks, the bulwarks and bulkheads, the hatch, gallery brackets, bitts, and gun ports are shown above

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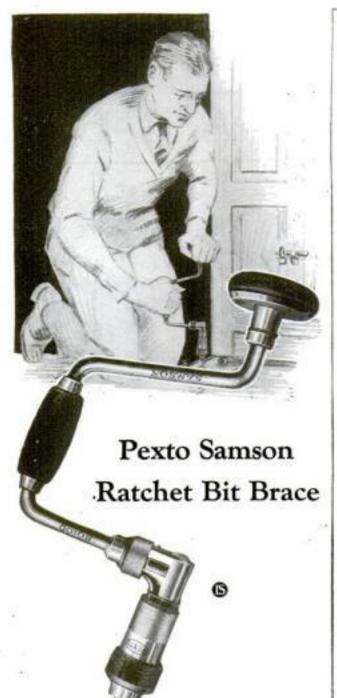
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the after end, to be trimmed when in position,

Steam the forward 6 in. of these pieces (unless cardboard is used) and glue and nail them to the hull, overlapping it ½ in. A rough block of scrap wood glued in the stern (Fig. 3) is helpful for nailing into. Note how this bulwark follows the "tumble-home" or inward slope the hull started.

On the deck erect the bulkheads K and L (Fig. 5) of ¼-in, plywood. K stands 1¼ in, high and slants forward a trifle; L is 1¾ in, high and leans aft. Cut both to fit between the bulwarks and bevel to meet the slope to the deck.

Cut the decks E and F (Fig. 2) from the ½ in. plywood and glue on so as to overlap the sides about ½ in. If the tops of the bulkheads are rounded to about ½ in. higher in the center than at the ends, that will give the decks a slope or camber, which is realistic and looks well. When in position the poop sides should leave a promenade deck about 3/8 in. wide on either side of deck F.

As a protection for this promenade we shall need a handrail (Fig. 8). This is a strip of wood about ½6 by ¾6 by 6½ in. Bore fine holes along it at ½-in. intervals, drive small bank pins through these, and on each drop three or four beads, with a touch of glue to keep them in place. Then bore holes in the deck to correspond.

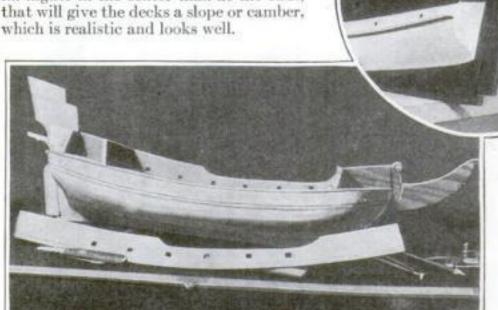


Fig. 3. (At left)
Center piece, side
blocks, one bulwark, and two
bulkheads in place,
with filler blocks in
the stern. Fig. 4.
(Above) The high
stern with omamental overlay and
Admiral's gallery

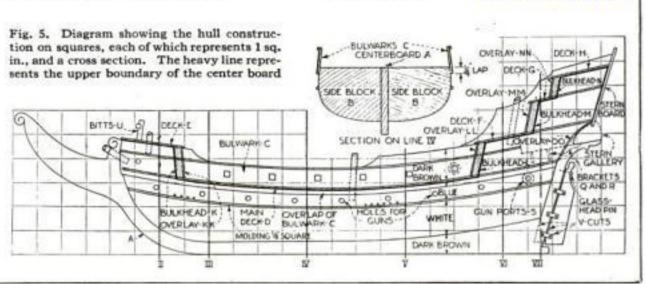
Erect bulkhead M, deck G, bulkhead N, and deck H, similarly.

The overlays which cover the exposed faces of the bulkheads are of very thin wood (veneer), or cardboard painted to look like it. Doors and windows are cut in these. Door paneling is painted on and the windows are filled with celluloid, or silver paper.

Sides are needed to enclose these high poop decks. Cut them from thin threeply stock, with gun ports and windows pierced, as shown in Fig. 6. These pieces also require an ornate overlay. Invert the handrail and tap into position. Cut the projecting pin ends off underneath, or cut them before inserting. Small glass headed pins may be used at intervals. The rail is to be stained and the beads painted silver, but do not put these in position until almost the last thing.

Two similar but much shorter rails will be wanted for the forecastle. Cut or bend them to suit the curve of the bow.

The stern board (Fig. 7), 3¼ in. wide and 3½ in. high, is fretsawed from a piece of thin wood, (Continued on page 91)



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such as the lid of a cigar box. The windows are pierced and the whole lightly carved. In the center space, put a little picture of something symbolic, which you may paint yourself, or find ready. It may be a sacred picture, a device from a cigar box, or what you please. Perhaps you can touch it up with oil paints; in any case, varnish it well.

The board is glued and nailed on with 3/2-in. No. 21 wire brads, a box of which will be found invaluable all through the work.

The figurehead shown in Fig. 7 is cut from a piece of 1/2-in. soft wood. Before being outlined with the fretsaw, it is cut down lengthwise as far as to where the line of the stem (piece A) crosses it, so that a ¼-in. slot can be taken out and it can be fitted over A. Lightly carve it, cut away the center with a chisel, and fit it on the cutwater.

Just behind this come the head boards (Figs. 1 and 6). These are cut from 1/6-in.

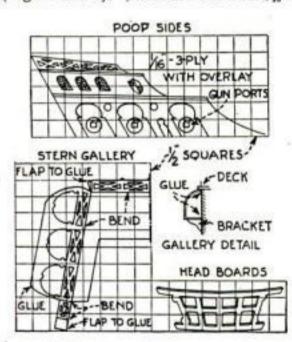


Fig 6. The sides of the high stern and their ornamental overlays, the pattern for the Admiral's gallery, and the design of head boards, which are bent as shown in Fig. 1

waterproof three-ply stock. The ends are beveled to fit above and below the body of the lion and to suit the cutwater, and the other ends to meet the bulwark. They will need steaming until they can be bent to the right position. Then they are glued and nailed. Other material may be used, as previously indicated.

Across these and lying on them, comes a ¼ by ¼ by 3½ in. spar (an early form of cathead), over which the anchor cable passes. The spar fits close under the bowsprit, so do not place it until you try the latter.

Before placing the head boards, bore two 1/8-in. holes through the cutwater, one under the lion's tail, the other behind it

Cut a piece of stiff, flexible cardboard to the shape of the overlay OO (Fig. 2), pierce the gun ports and windows, paint it to look like wood, then glue and nail it on the under part of the stern, to follow the lines of the after part of the bulwarks and preferably inside them. Cut it in the first place a bit (Continued on page 92)



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large and trim to fit; this is a good rule to follow in most cases. The lower edge of the stern board overlaps it.

The Admiral's gallery round the stern is cut from thin pressboard, heavy Bristol board, or other good cardboard. It is rather tricky to cut, but should be approximately as shown in Fig. 6.

Try out the center cut until it fits snugly round the stern, when lying on the brackets, of which one is the extreme stern projection of center board A, and the others, Q and R (Fig. 2), are glued and nailed in position, two on either side and two on the stern. When the gallery fits, cut out the fretted parts with a sharp knife, bend up as indicated, bend in the forward ends, glue the flaps, place it on the glued brackets, glue the top edges, and spring them under the edge of deck F. Note the small sectional view in Fig. 6.

The stern lantern is cut from a square piece of soft wood, as shown in Fig. 8. The windows are recessed and filled with silver paper, colored a transparent blue, and painted with diagonal bars. The corner ornaments are belt pins; the center staff is a large pin, which is threaded on a button mold, passed through the lantern, through another round mold,

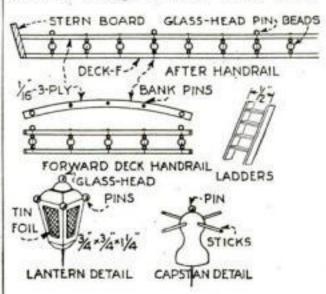


Fig. 8. Details of handrails, ladders, capstan, and lantern. Note the ingenious use of pins and beads all through the design

and then into the top of the stern board.

The capstan (Fig. 8) is wood about ³/₈ in. in diameter and ³/₄ in. long, cut to the shape indicated. Drill ¹/₆-in. holes through the head at right angles to each other and pass 1 ¹/₂-in. long sticks through them for the capstan bars. A long pin or thin nail is driven right through the capstan into the deck.

The main hatch (P, Fig. 2) is a block of soft wood, 3/8 by 1½ by 1½ in. The top is punched with the squared point of a large nail so as to represent a grating. The holes later are painted black, as is the lower half of the hatch; the upper part is stained a dark oak color.

The six ladders are made from strips of very thin cigar-box wood glued together. The steps of each ladder must be exactly the same length. The lengths of the lad-

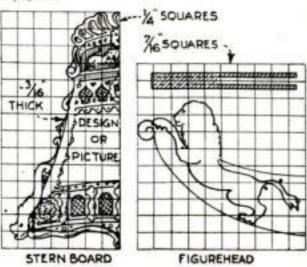


Fig. 7. Half the stern board, and the figurehead, slotted to fit over the cutwater

ders vary with the height of the various decks. You can attach thin brass wire handrails to them, if you wish.

The bitts, one large (U) on the foreside of the foremast, one (T) on either side of the mainmast, and one (T) before the mizzenmast, are made from square sticks either 36 or 38 in. square as shown in Fig. 2. The cross pieces are recessed into the uprights and glued. The best way to attach the bitts is to glue them to the deck and fasten them with tiny screws from underneath, but that necessitates placing them before the decks are laid down. Another method is to cut holes in the deck, and glue the bitts very firmly into them. In that case, leave the vertical members of the bitts long enough to project into the deck.

At the lower edge of the orlop (lower) deck, there should be fastened a 1/8-in. molding, glued and lightly nailed.

Another molding about ½ in. square should be glued in line with the top of the open part of the bulwark, from the stem to the gallery. Some decorations may be painted between this and the top of the bulwark, forward and aft.

Below the lower molding, give the hull two coats of white paint; above it, two coats of light blue, as shown on the cover. The center piece and bulwarks are stained dark oak and all the woodwork then is given one coat of varnish. The surface should not be glossy.

Next month the rest of the fittings and the rigging will be described.

Those readers who live in New York City and the vicinity will have an opportunity to see the original model of the Spanish galleon made by Captain McCann in the window of an art gallery at the corner of Fifth Avenue and 54th Street. The exhibition will be held from April 19 to April 24 and possibly longer. Other models to be shown by Captain McCann will be the pirate model ship of our Blueprints Nos. 44 and 45; the Torrens, which was Conrad's last ship; the Wanderer, the last American whaler, and two 17th century decorative models.

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A Hand Planing Machine

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and then a cut washer is clamped under the head of the cap screw.

The screw G has a handwheel, which is used to advance the table. The block H is screwed to the table and the hole for the screw is a free fit to allow for the deflection that occurs as the table rises or falls when the handwheel is turned.

Two blocks, marked I, are made up and fastened to the frame at either side. Between these two blocks is a steel bar 1 in. square, with the ends turned down to fit the 1/2-in, holes drilled in the upper ends of the blocks I. This crossbar then is tapped at the center to take the 1/2-in. U.S.S. thread provided on the screw G. This arrangement allows the



Under view of the forward table showing the adjusting ways and spring for taking up play

bar, which acts as a nut, to turn as the screw is deflected with the rise and fall of the table. The construction is shown plainly in the photographs on page 74.

A stiff spring N is arranged to pull the center of the forward table downward. This insures its remaining in close contact with the ways at all times.

The tables, A and B, were made up of 1/2-in. plates of machinery steel. It was necessary to place them on the planer and take a light cut. Blocks of wood and grinding compound were used to polish the surface. Emery and oil or a valve grinding compound may be used for the

As described previously, the tables are fastened to the ways and rests by means of 1/6-in. cap screws. The heads are sunk flush in holes counterbored in the tabletop for this purpose. It may be necessary to use shims in order to bring the tables true with the head and knife edges. When the front table is finally brought true with the head, it will require no further shimming, as the raising and lowering of it will not throw it out of parallel.

The construction of the ball bearing head is the feature requiring most care. The bearings used in this instance were salvaged from an automobile transmission. They are approximately 2½ in. in outside diameter and 1 in. in inside diameter. The exact measurements of the bearings must be known before the end plates, or bearing carriers of the head frame, may be bored out. Likewise, the shaft will have to be turned to conform to the actual measurement of the inner cone of the bearings. It may be necessary to change the general plan of mounting the (Continued on page 94)

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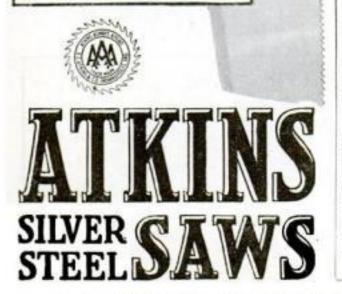
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bearings. The simplest possible idea is indicated in the drawing. It is a good plan to arrange the construction to exclude all dust and dirt. This is usually a matter of providing felt and dust washers of thin metal on each side of the bearings. These appear in the finished machine, but not in the drawing. The head and the shaft were constructed from one piece of machinery steel. After the bearings were on hand, the ends were turned to the proper diameter and shouldered as indicated in the drawing.

The knives were made from tool steel. This was purchased in strips 1/8 by 1 in. and cut to length. It was hardened between steel plates which kept it in a plane. The temper of the blades was drawn to between a straw and purple. The knives were finished to about 3/8 in. wide by grinding. It might be possible to obtain the tool steel already hardened and tempered.

THE chip breakers are sheet steel 1/16 in. thick. The grooves, which are 3/16 in. wide, are provided with a rake of 15 degrees, which seems to be about the angle generally given jointer knives. Chip breakers and knives are held in position by means of safety head setscrews.

The head may be grooved in the shaper, miller, or planer. When set up for this operation the cylinder is slightly relieved just ahead of the chip breaker.

The construction of a square head would have been easier, but the one shown conforms to safety head practice.

The rear table is provided with a groove or rabbet. This is to facilitate the cutting of rabbets in lumber.

One end of the head carries the belt pulley, and the other end is left long, in case it is desired to mount a special cutter knife or a small grinding wheel. If this is definitely planned, it would be well to turn on threads and provide collars for mounting a 34 by 6 in. stone.

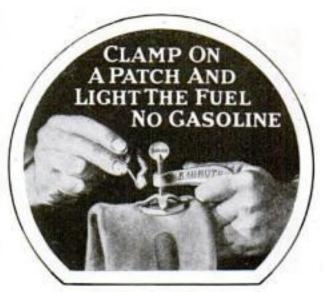
A simple fence, C, may be made from a piece of 1/2 by 4 in. cold rolled steel mounted on short blocks, D, of the 1 by 3 in. stock. These are clamped to the rear table and a row of holes drilled across the table allows the fence to be moved.

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Cheaply Improvised Wood-Lathe

By OWEN LOVEJOY

HOW I made a serviceable little wood-turning lathe at an expenditure of \$3 is shown in Fig. 1. The only thing purchased was the small polishing head; the motor was taken from a discarded vacuum cleaner. The lathe has proved to be powerful enough, nevertheless, to turn out any job within the scope of my home

The first part to be made was a sliding member of wood. This is clamped in a

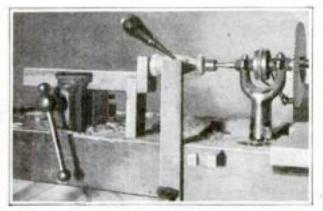


Fig. 1. Inexpensive polishing head converted into a lathe for turning work between centers

vise at the left of the polishing head and allows different lengths of wood to be turned.

To this tailstock was fitted a vertical foot, which determines the height of the dead spindle on which the work rotates. For this spindle a long, stout wood screw was set right through the vertical block, after its tip had been pointed smoothly on a stone.

A short piece of broom handle then was sawed off and bored so that it could be screwed on the live spindle. The end of the spindle projected far enough beyond this piece to fit into a central hole in the end of the work to be turned. To engage the end of the work positively, two finishing nails were inserted in the section of the broom handle and cut off with a hacksaw about 1/8 in. beyond the end of the broomstick.

An upright member to support the turning tool was clamped to the edge of

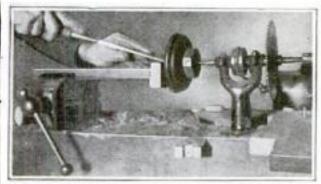
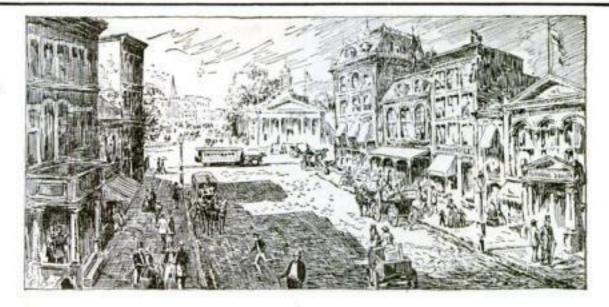


Fig. 2. The same homemade lathe set up for turning relatively flat work on a faceplate

the bench with a large C-clamp. A handscrew, of course, could be used instead.

When the work is set up in the lathe, the screw that forms the dead spindle is tightened into the wood by means of a screwdriver. Thus vibration is practically (Continued on page 96) eliminated.



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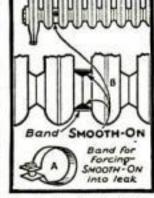
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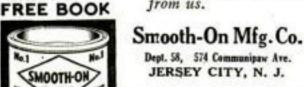
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Cheaply Improvised Wood Lathe

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Fig. 2 shows the operation of a simple faceplate for flat work, such as small trays. It was made by drilling an octagonal block of hard wood to screw on the spindle of the polishing head, so that the spindle projects about 1/8 in. beyond it to center the piece being turned. Through this block were set two rather heavy wood screws, long enough to project into the work about 1/4 in.

In use, this plate is screwed first to the piece for turning, after a small hole has been made in the latter to center it on the spindle.

For a tool rest with this device, the adjustable sliding member of the first illustration is turned on its side in the vise.

It is really surprising what can be done in the way of turning small novelties and furniture ornaments by these simple means.

In Fig. 3 is illustrated an improvised drill chuck that the writer has used in drilling both woods and metals. It saves a vast amount of tiresome hand work.

A section of broomstick was drilled out to screw on the opposite end of the polishing head from the lathe. Then, by means of a ¼-in, wood chisel, the other end of the broomstick was turned hollow and tapering while the spindle was rotating. The chisel was rested on a suitable sup-

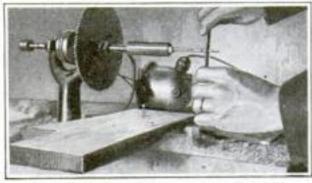


Fig. 3. How the polishing head is fitted with a broomstick chuck to serve as a drill

port while this was being done. Into this tapering hole, which was, of course, precisely in line with the axis of the spindle, the square base of a bit-stock twist drill was driven firmly, care being taken not to split the broom handle. With a little care the bit was centered nicely, and by it the writer has drilled as large as a 1/4-in. hole in strap steel.

Since the piece drilled was held in the hand as shown, a precautionary measure was used not indicated in the illustration. A stout wire was looped to form a ring around the drill bit, and bent sharply so as to fit through a small hole drilled through the middle of the section of broom handle. Though the bit never showed a tendency to fly out of its chuck, this wire guard made such an eventuality impossible.

It is evident that with this drill, a hole to be drilled in iron must first be marked by a sharp blow with a punch.

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In another container a little of the burnt sienna was also mixed with the glazing liquid to the desired tone.

In starting the stippling, the first step was to prime the undercoated wall with a thin coat of clear glazing liquid, doing about a yard and a half width of wall at a time, from ceiling to floor. The tinting liquid then was brushed on generously.

IN THE living room, the ivory drop black and the burnt sienna were applied simultaneously, using a different brush for each color—the black, which was the predominating color, being applied to a larger area, and the sienna being spotted in at intervals and in varying sized spots. In applying, the colors were run together somewhat and blended with the brush so that one color would go into the other softly.

The stippling was done with a cloth, crumpled and held loosely in the hand and constantly changed to present a clean sur-

face of the cloth to the paint.

The texture of the effect in work of this kind is governed by the cloth used. Soft old gingham is usually desirable, while cheesecloth is generally undesirable, as it does not have sufficient body. With some effects, where a coarse texture is preferred, burlap is used. By a twisting and lifting motion, beautiful scrolls are produced. By twisting the hand without any side motion, a rosette or flowerlike effect is obtained, while a sweeping side movement produces a more branching pattern.

The dining room was done in the same way, with the colors selected, and a stencil border design was applied later to set off the effect.

SOMETIMES a "blended" effect is pro-duced so that the walls will be very light at the top, growing gradually darker toward the bottom, where there is considerable depth of color. This is produced by tinting a batch of glazing liquid to the tone desired at the bottom, then pouring off about half of the mixture into another container and adding an equal part of clear glazing liquid, to give the light effect desired at the top.

The light mixture is brushed down about two thirds of the way; the dark mixture brushed up about one third of the way, carrying the color well up into the lighter color. The light and dark mixtures are blended together by brushing back and forth. Stippling is started at the top, working down into the darker color.

A few experiments on a piece of wallboard or even on heavy wrapping paper will reveal the many possibilities.

It will be seen that there is much room for working out individual effects in "Tiffany" decoration, through modification of tone and texture, so that the completed effect may be made to represent one's individual taste.

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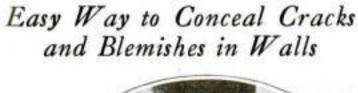
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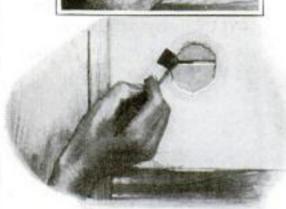


The Shipshape Home

How to Patch Damaged Plaster







Cut out the broken plaster (upper view) and moisten edges thoroughly with water (lower)



RACKS and holes are common blemishes in the average plastered wall. These do not always indicate that the plaster is old and worn, for even new work is likely to have ugly cracks at the corners if the house settles unevenly. A nail, picture hook, or the continual bumping of chairs, toys and other objects often cause unsightly holes. These small defects are easily repaired by one who takes pride in keeping his home shipshape.

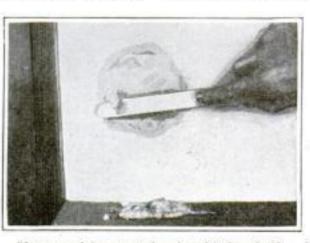
All loose material should be removed before any patching is attempted. With a broad knife or putty knife, scrape out the broken plaster until a solid foundation has been obtained.

Cut any small cracks a little deeper so as to provide ample opportunity for the new plaster to adhere to and interlock with the old material. If the edges are undercut, the patches will hold better.

With a small brush or sponge, wet the

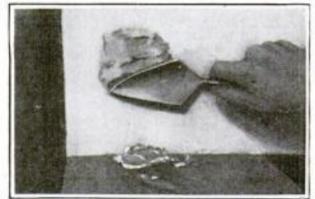
surrounding plaster. This is to help the newly applied material to stick and to keep it from setting too rapidly. A second wetting immediately before applying the plaster is desirable.

Special patching plasters are recommended for the amateur. These plasters can be obtained in small packages at



If a trowel is not at hand, a kitchen knife, spatula or an ordinary putty knife will serve





The patching plaster is mixed with water (upper view) and then applied with a trowel

hardware or paint stores. They do not set rapidly, will not shrink to any considerable degree, and often contain the sizing that otherwise would have to be applied separately before any decorating could be done.

Plaster of paris alone is used extensively by the trade for patching small defects. The mechanic mixes a small amount with water and then proceeds to work it off his hands into the crack with a small trowel or putty knife, wetting the surface in order to trowel it perfectly smooth for decorating. The objection to plaster of paris is that it sets rapidly and shrinks away from the old plaster at the edges. A better mixture is two parts of plaster of paris

and one part of hydrated lime, mixed with thin glue or decorators size. Cement colors may be mixed readily with plaster for repairing a colored wall.

The plaster can be mixed in a dish or, better, on a flat pallet of some kind. The plasterer would probably mix a (Continued on page 99)

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small amount quickly on his "hawk." A simple hawk can be constructed in a few minutes from thin box material and

part of a broken hammer or hatchet handle or a broomstick. It is well worthwhile to make one such as that illustrated

if much patching has to be done, as when the cracks between a number of sheets of plaster wallboard

have to be filled. If the commercial patching plaster is used, add

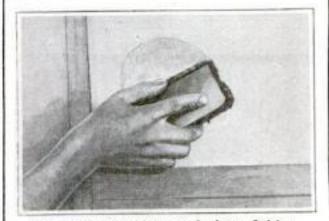
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water slowly and mix with a large spoon, or work the mixture with a small trowel or table knife, until a stiff mixture is obtained.

With a small trowel or table knife, plaster the mixture into the hole until it is flush with the surface. Hold the receptacle or hawk below the opening to keep the excess from dropping to the floor.

For a smooth finish, dip the trowel into water and stroke to an even surface. For



To match the various rough plaster finishes, rub the patch with a carpet-covered block

a rough finish, use a block covered with a piece of old velvet carpet. Dip the block into water and rub down with a rotary motion.

With extremely large breaks, it will be found better to make a two-coat job. Apply the first coat over the lath and fill almost flush with the surface Allow this to harden, and finish with a second coat, which may be troweled smooth or rubbed rough, as desired.

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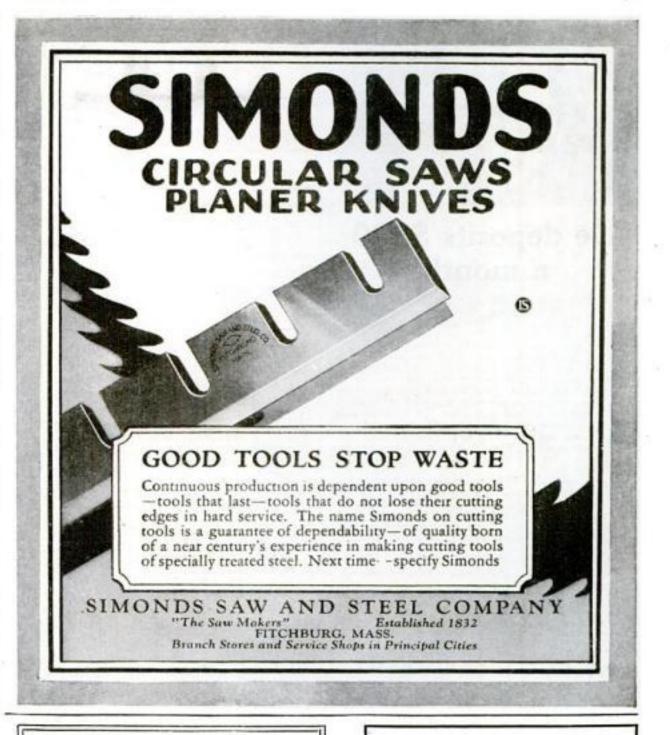
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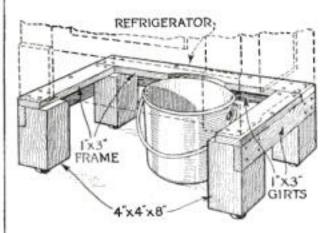
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Should there not be enough glue remaining on the veneer to stick, apply a little liquid glue and try again. After the give is dry, sandpaper the smooth.—R. E. D.

Painting Rough Work I ALWAYS keep my paintbrushes in cans partly filled with raw oil, as

suggested in an old issue of POPULAR Science Monthly, and from time to time have to change the oil as it becomes thickened with paint. Instead of throwing it away I pour the oil and any odds and ends of paint I have left, in one large can and use (Continued on page 101)











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the resulting paint to weatherproof inconspicuous woodwork around my lot, chiefly my homemade wooden sidewalks. It is excellent for coating joints in outside woodwork and, when thinned with turpentine, as a ground or priming coat for rough woodwork.—Eric B. Roberts.

A Quickly Made Stepladder

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Use lard oil when available for taps and dies; it saves the tools and does better work.

When bolting down a job on the planer and screw jacks are used, always place a hard block of wood, cardboard or paper under them, so they hold better.



Old Bill, machine shop foreman

The best mechanics need the least supervision.

Mistakes need not be looked for if you keep the words vigilance and caution ever before your mind.

Every mechanic should have a fairly good knowledge of shop mathematics if he hopes to make progress.

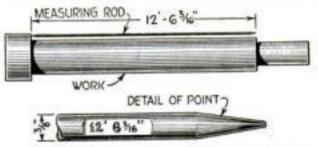
When using a square-nose planing tool for finishing cast-iron, be sure to chamfer the rear edge so that the tool will not dig in; and chamfer the front edge so that it will not break off and leave a rough surface on the work.

The machinist who has traveled about a little and worked in several shops is usually more resourceful than one who

Why does one grind a twist drill frequently, yet seldom ever think of grinding a tap?

How to Make Accurate Shoulder Measurements on Large Work

AKING measurements of distances ■ beyond the capacity of ordinary measuring tools is a part of the day's work for the man operating a big lathe



A steel rod is a convenient and reliable means of checking the measurements on heavy work

or planer. There are several ways in which this is accomplished, that is, with the use of steel tapes, measuring sticks, two-foot rules, or steel rods. The method depends on degree of refinement required.

If the work is to be duplicated or repeated in the future, a steel measuring rod is by far the most convenient and reliable means of checking the measurement, and it forms a permanent record. It is especially necessary on those classes of work that require the distances to be held within fairly close limits, say 1/64 in. in a length of from 15 to 20 ft.

To make a measuring rod, select a piece of cold rolled steel from 1/4 to 3/8 in. in diameter, cut it 1/4 in. longer than the length to be measured, and point one end as shown. The next step is to lay off the distance on some flat surface such as a large surface plate, a planer table, or a lathe bed.

Clamp a parallel block squarely in place for a starting point and measure from this with a scale, scribing a line at each step until the final distance is marked off. Then clamp a second parallel at this point. The two parallels will serve as a gage for

checking the rod. Try the rod, note the surplus length, and turn it back until the rod will go between the blocks. If the rod should be only slightly long, it may be filed on the ends until it goes. If, on the other hand, it is slightly short, it can be stretched by

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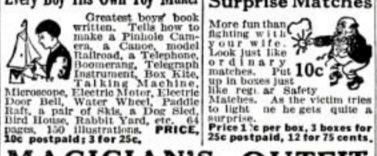
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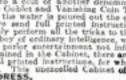


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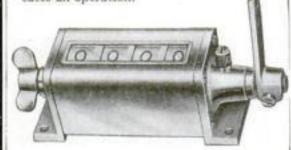
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Mounting a Heavy Chuck on a Turret Lathe

By Albert A. Dowd

"HEY, Tom!" yelled Frank to another workman just across the aisle. "Come over here and help me put this chuck on, will you?"

"Sure," said Tom. "I'll be right

there.

He found Frank struggling with a heavy 15-in, chuck on the floor beside a turret lathe. The chuck and adapter weighed at least 250 pounds. The two men set it on the ways of the machine, but lifted, tugged and tried in vain to get it started on the threaded end of the spindle. If you



The chuck is lifted and clamped firmly on a boring bar which is mounted in the turret; then it is threaded on the lathe spindle

have ever tried it, you know how difficult

a job it is.

As they were hard at work on it, along came one of the "old-timers." He watched for a few moments and then said: "Wait a minute, boys, and I'll show you an easier way to do that."

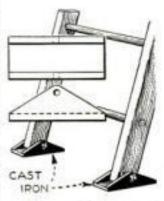
He picked up a 3-in, boring bar lying on a nearby bench, put it in one of the turret holes, and clamped it there.

"Now, fellows," he drawled, "just lift the chuck up and slide it onto the bar and tighten the jaws on the bar. Then all you've got to do is move the turret up toward the spindle and pull the belt around by hand until you catch the thread in the adapter and get it well started. After that just twist it on the rest of the way and the job is done."

And the Old-Timer grinned and passed on down the aisle.

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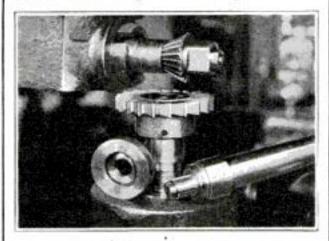
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Expanding Arbor Holds Side Cutting Mills for Fluting

By O. S. Marshall

To PERMIT a clean strong mills the face of blank side cutting mills TO PERMIT a clean sweep across while fluting them on the sides, the expanding mandrel shown in the drawing below was designed. Its operation is



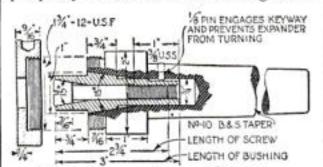
How the blank side cutting mill is held on the expanding arbor for the fluting process

made clear in the photographic illustra-

The taper shank of the arbor is made to fit the dividing-head spindle, in this case a Brown and Sharpe No. 10 taper. There are four parts to the complete arbor; the main arbor, an inner split bushing, an expanding screw for the latter, and the retaining nut, which holds the expanding bushing within the main arbor.

The expanding bushing has a taper at its forward end, which is to fill the mating taper within the main arbor, thus centering the blank when the closing-in nut has forced the bushing in contact with the main arbor. The blank is finally tapped against the closing-in nut, against which it rests while being fluted.

The blank preferably is fluted on its periphery first, and, in case of large-sized



Details of the expending mandrel, which can be made in several sizes as the work requires

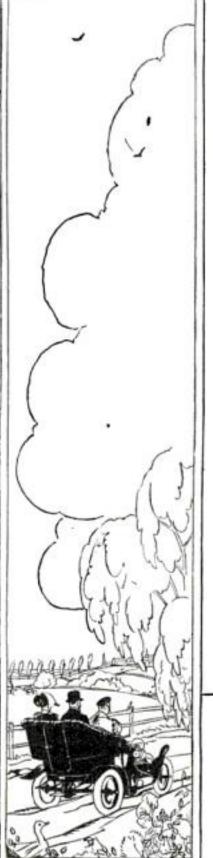
blanks, a steadying pin may be used, located in the face of the retaining nut at a convenient position to enter one of the spaces. This insures against any possible slipping of the blank.

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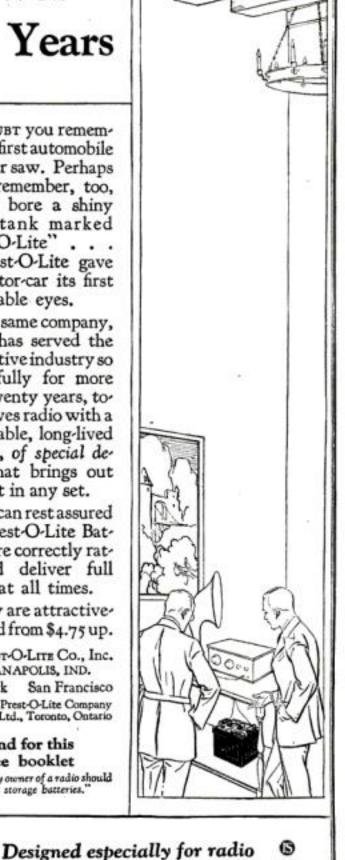
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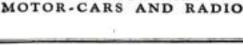
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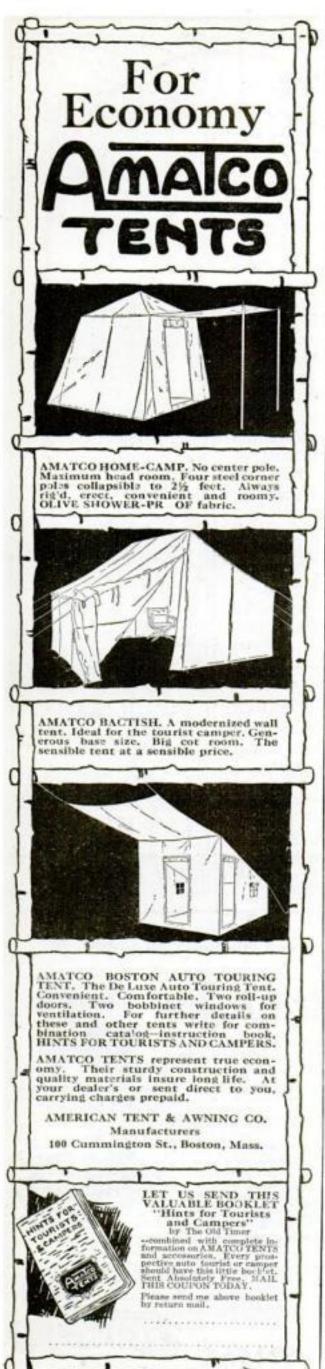
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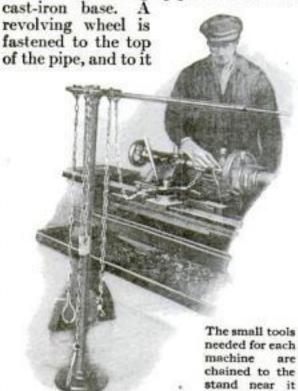


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Revolving Stand Keeps Tools Together in School Shop

OR keeping tools with the machine to which they belong, the fixture illustrated below has proved useful and economical in the machine shop of the Kern County (Calif.) Union High School. One of these fixtures was built for each of the lathes and other machines in the shop.

It consists of a gaspipe screwed into a



are attached steel chains, which carry the various small tools needed for each machine. The chains are welded to the tools so that they cannot become separated.

These fixtures, all of which were made in the high school foundry and machine shop, have more than paid for themselves by saving time and eliminating the loss of tools.—G. W. GARRARD.

Electrical Way of Measuring the Velocity of Water

SIMPLE and yet very exact method A of measuring the velocity of the flow of water in pipes makes use of a wellknown electrical principle. At the point where the water from the reservoir flows into the pipe, which may have a diameter of from 12 to 16 in., a bag containing about 1 lb. of salt is introduced. The rushing water destroys the bag quickly as it is carried along, and the salt dissolves.

At a distance of 500 or 1000 feet from the intake, two electrodes, one of copper, the other of zinc, have been introduced previously into the pipe; they are insulated from the pipe, but in contact with the flowing water. The electrodes form a galvanic element with a tension of 0.2 volt, as shown by a voltmeter. When the water holding the salt in solution reaches the electrodes, the indicator of the voltmeter immediately registers a tension of 0.5 volt.

The difference in time between the moment when the salt was introduced in the pipe and the moment when the hand of the voltmeter jumped to 0.5, represents the time taken by the flow of water for the measured or test distance.— ERNEST WELLECK.



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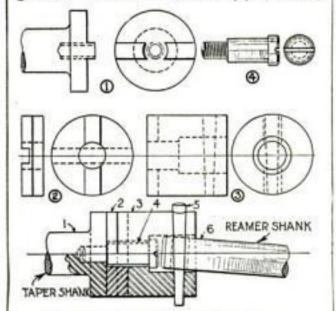
How to Make a Floating Holder for Reamers

By H. L. WHEELER

FLOATING reamer holders of many designs are made for use on turret lathe work. For the most part they are only semi-floating because they are rigid in one direction. Consequently the benefit of the floating effect is not available.

The design illustrated has a full floating joint, which overcomes many of the defects found in the semi-floating type. It prevents the reamer from binding in any direction and insures perfect alinement even in long holes.

The holder is made in three sections of machine steel, carbonized, hardened and ground. The first section (1) is solid,



The parts of the holder and how they are assembled to insure alinement in reaming

with a taper shank to fit the machine, or it may be made with a straight shank to fit a chuck.

A floating plate (2) between the shank and the nose has a central hole about 1/8 in. larger than the body of the holding screw. It is provided with keys on one side and a recess on the other to fit corresponding seats in the shank and nose (3). There should be about .010 in. side play between projections and slots.

The nose is held in place by a screw (4) passing through a central hole and into a tapped hole in the shank. The screw must be tight against its shoulder, leaving enough room under the head to prevent the whole assembly from binding. There should be about .010 in. clearance on each side of the plate when the screw is up tight.

A taper pin is used to drive the reamer. This passes through a hole drilled in the reamer shank and is tight in the nose of the holder. The hole in the reamer shank should be large enough to give plenty of freedom, but not large enough to weaken the shank unnecessarily at this point.

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Old Bill Repairs a Machine

(Continued from page 76)

these circumstances. If we were to weld the break, we would have to dismantle the machine, and it would be a week before you could have it running again."

"We surely don't want that," the

president exclaimed.

"And if we were to bolt a patch on," Old Bill continued, "there would always be the possibility that the screws would come loose, and that would mean that the machine would not be accurate. As for strength, most of that iron is to make the machine rigid; about a tenth of it would do for strength alone, so we are amply strong in our repair.'

He turned to Bob Laten.

"Just as soon as you have one of the slots chipped out so that you can measure it, phone the length of the key to me, and I will have it planed and sent out at once. Do not chip corners of the slots square but leave them round, as the drill made them."

AT THE shop Old Bill made a little computation. He would heat the key about a thousand degrees, and steel would expand six millionths of an inch for each degree; his key was to be six inches long between the heads—that would be an expansion of thirty-six thousandths. Then, he thought, Laten could not get the seats for the head perfectly flat, and the casting would not fit together as tightly as it ought, so he decided he would plane the heads 1/6 in. closer together than the measurement which Laten presently gave him over the phone.

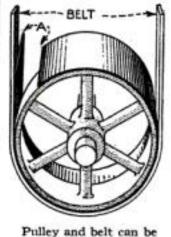
The red-hot key would have to be driven in place, whereupon the shrinking would pull the parts together; and the key would still be under a considerable load when it was cool, insuring its tightness.

It was just after lunch when the first key went out, and the other four followed promptly, so that not much later than the usual quitting time, the keys had all been shrunk in place, and the mill operatives were reassembling the machine. It was not until the next morning that the president of the firm came out. He had the machine stopped to look at the repair.

"I can't feel the crack, and can barely see it," he said smilingly, pleased with himself at the stroke of fortune that had

led him to send for Old Bill.

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IN THE absence of forming rolls, mechanic engaged in experimental work used a unique method for curving sheet metal. A pulley of somewhat smaller diameter than the shell desired was selected, and the sheet (A) fed in between the pulley and the belt while the latter was

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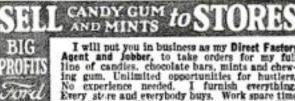
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Pointers on How to Replace Piston Rings Properly

In FITTING piston rings, several things should be taken into consideration—the trueness of the cylinder, the fit of the piston, and also the condition of the piston ring grooves.

Assuming that the cylinder is fairly true, that the piston fits reasonably well, and that the piston ring grooves are found to be square, then only an allowance for heat expansion need be considered.

Great pains should be used in fitting the rings to the grooves. The ring grooves should be cleaned thoroughly before attempting to fit new rings. The rings should be fitted without oil to the groove; and, before they are placed in the cylinder, oil should be forced behind the rings to make certain that they will not stick when put in service.

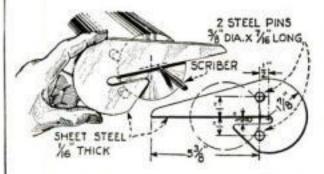
I find in practice that the staggered onepiece concentric ring is quite satisfactory when properly fitted. I also find that the greatest leak usually is behind the ring and not between the wall and the ring face. The top ring, which suffers the greatest heat expansion and wear, should have less clearance at the opening or split than the second and third rings, although this seemingly should be the reverse.

The ring just above the wrist pin should be placed with the split on the side of the piston that tends to receive the angular thrust of the connecting rod during the work stroke. A good way is to place this ring with the splits at an angle of 90 deg. to the wrist pin ends. The splits of the other two rings should be placed 180 deg. apart and about 20 deg. either side of the wrist pin ends. What I have written here applies only to a motor needing rings fitted.—B. A. Dunlap.

Center Square for Small Work

FOR marking the centers of lathe work and for use in various awkward positions, a center square can be made quite easily as shown. The square is particularly handy for use in marking rings, as it can be applied either inside or outside of them.

A piece of sheet steel and two pins 3/8 in. in diameter and 36 in. long are needed.



A simple type of square for making centers, bisecting rings, and various awkward jobs

The dimensions of the square may be varied, although those indicated on the drawing have proved satisfactory for ordinary work.

The main precaution required is that the ruling edge of the square should be precisely at right angles to a line connecting the centers of the pins and exactly halfway between them.—L. M. B.

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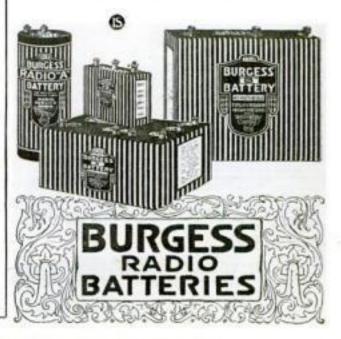
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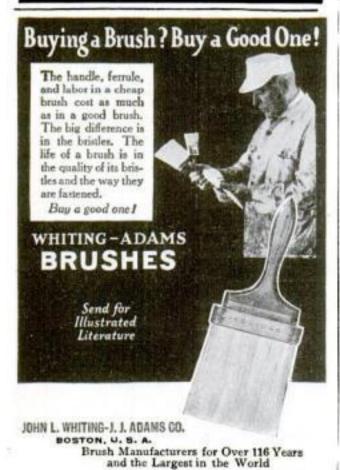


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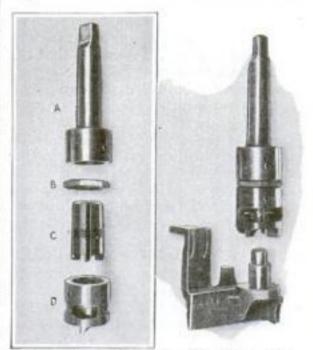
By Albert M. Thomas

IN THE repair shops where I work as tool maker, we have to machine the pivot pins on hundreds of brackets used on the gates of elevated railway cars. They have to be turned to a 34-in. diameter at the top and 1 in. at the bottom.

The peculiar shape of these brackets made the job a tedious one in the lathe. The best one could do was four an hour.

Next we tried doing them with a hollow mill in the drill press and though time was saved in the output, we found that it was a hard job to get both sizes to come central with each other.

After a little thought, I developed the duplex mill illustrated. The holder A has



The parts of the duplex mil! and how they are assembled for turning awkward brackets

a No. 4 Morse taper shank to fit the drilling machine spindle. The end is bored a perfect fit for the cutter C and has an inserted key corresponding to the upper end of the keyway in C, and also a setscrew to hold it in place.

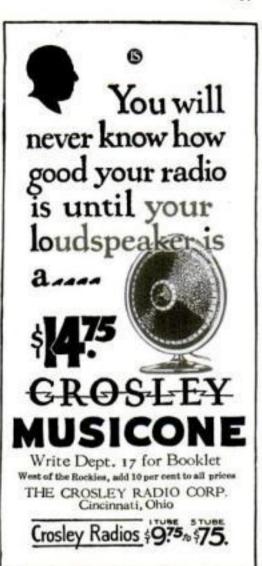
The nut B is fitted on the threaded part of C and has an adjustment of 1/8 in. to compensate for grinding.

The cutter D that forms the 1-in. size is counterbored a perfect fit for the lower end of C. It also is provided with an inserted key and a setscrew, while in the body four openings are milled to accommodate the cuttings from C. The cutters are made of good carbon steel, tempered and ground to size.

The brackets are held in the drill press vise. By using this tool, which cuts both sizes at once, a bracket can be done easily in three minutes. Thousands have already been made.

Calculating Drill Speeds

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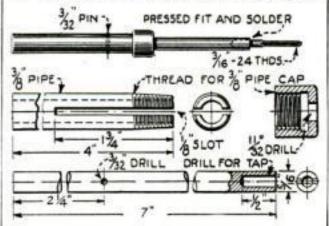
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Adapter for Tapping Small Holes on a Large Drill

SHOP building large oil engines found that it could do all of the drilling on an engine frame under a large radial drill, with the exception of tapping some small holes for cover plates and the like. For these holes the heavy casting had to be moved to a smaller machine or the holes tapped by hand, until the little device shown was made.

This is a tap holder arranged so that the tap floats vertically. The entry of the small tap into the metal does not mean that the heavy spindle must come with it. As will be seen, the slot and pin pro-



Details of the tap holder, which is designed to allow the tap to float freely up and down

vide a means for revolving the tap, while it is not restricted in its motion up and

In use, the revolving tap is brought over the hole and started in by hand pressure on the tap holder. The tap can be run in the required depth and the machine reversed to bring it out with no danger of breaking the tap.

The 3/8-in. pipe is held in the drill chuck and has a cap on the end to retain the parts. The slot must be large enough so that the pin and rod slide freely. The tap can be fixed in the rod by any desired means, although that shown has proved quite satisfactory.—James Gardner.

Holder for Tempering Pins

SEVERAL dowels, pins, or small punches may be hardened and tempered at the same time if a holder made as illustrated is used. It is M6-in, sheet steel bent double and filed at the folded end so that a slot is formed for the pins to enter, The pins are gripped at their upper ends by squeezing the upper end of the holder as shown.—H. Moore.



Using holder to clip five pins at once

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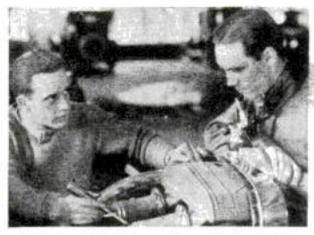
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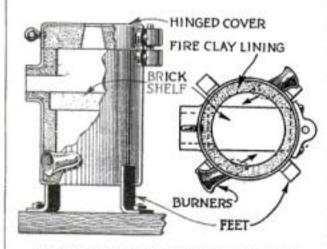
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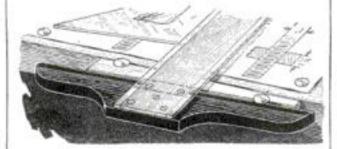
sible.—Frank N. Coakley.

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- 15. What is the brain made of?.
- 17. Why is frost more likely on a clear night than on a cloudy
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- 19. Which travels faster, electri-
- city or light? 20. What simple test will distin-guish wool from cotton?......
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- Why would men ultimately suffocate if all the green plants were killed?
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snapped the line! In desperation, the rescuers tried to send lines over by tying them to floating casks; but the breakers swept the casks out of reach.

It was at this desperate point that Chief Engineer Turner, searching his mind, hit upon an idea from the experiences of his boyhood. He built a kite seven feet high and four feet wide, with two wooden crosspieces covered with oiled linen. For his string he found a ball of stay lace used for engine packing.

WE'LL fly the kite from the deck," he told his men, "and when it is well up and beyond the Antinoe, we'll drop it by suddenly paying out the string. The string will fall on the Antinoe's deck, and her crew can haul it in."

That this idea was a thoroughly practical one was vessed for a few days ago by Dr. Miller Reese Hutchison, consulting engineer of the Naval Consulting Board, when he proposed a combination kite and breeches buoy device as a substitute for the Lyle gun. Only instead of dropping the kite, as Turner proposed, Dr. Hutchison would pay out heavier and heavier line, making the kite drag it along until it touched the side of the derelict vessel. Then, with the aid of this line, it would be possible to pass from one vessel to the other the cable for an ordinary breeches buoy strung between the cargo masts of the two ships.

TURNER'S kite, however, was not flown during the rescue, although it was tried out later by a number of the passengers. In its place the engineer hit upon another idea.

It was apparent that the projectile, on leaving the gun, did not speed away on an even keel, nose first, but turned end over end through the air. Would not the sudden jerking strain on the line be relieved if the length of the spindle were increased, thus making the projectile swing in a wider arc? And why not further relieve the jerk by means of a spring?

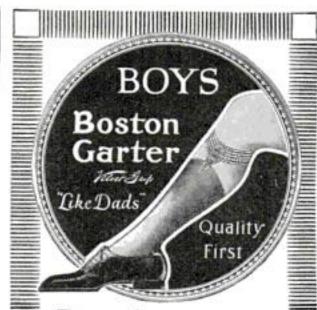
It so happened that among the passengers on the Roosevelt was an American artillery officer, Colonel Clint C. Hearn, an expert in the science of ballistics. With him Turner discussed his idea, and then turned again to his machine shop,

This time he made the spindle four feet long instead of eighteen inches. He made a spring of brass eighth-inch wire which he wound into a spiral over a bar revolving in the lathe. One end of the spring he fastened in the eye of the spindle. The other formed a loop for the shot line.

When the shot was fired, the spring eased the jerk, and the line held. And so out of the stress of grim necessity was born a worth-while invention.

A few days after the return of the President Roosevelt, I visited the Brooklyn home of the ship's chief engineer. There I found him in the throes of building a radio set. Wires and solder and batteries were scattered about. He had burned a hole in the rug with acid, and his good wife was scolding him roundly.

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Can You Solve the Greatest Puzzles?

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a square box in regular order, excepting the 14 and 15, which were transposed. The puzzle called for the moving of the blocks through the medium of the vacant square, with the object of bringing them into regular sequence, with the 15 the final number, as in the diagram.

■ UDICROUS tales were told of the havoc world. Although thousands claimed to have solved the puzzle, no one could recall the sequence of moves whereby the feat was accomplished, and none of the alluring prizes offered for the solution ever was collected. The puzzle is unsolvable, for the reason that when the 14 and 15 are reversed, compensation must be made by reversing two other blocks.

The Pigs in Clover puzzle which in the 'eighties succeeded the "14-15" as a world disturber, was, strictly speaking, not a problem, or puzzle, at all. It consisted of a circular cardboard box filled with a series of partitions, having openings through which a number of marbles were made to pass by shaking and inclining the box, the object being to drive all of the marbles into a central pen. It was designed as a child's toy, but proved to have such alluring qualities that grownups became absorbed in the pastime.

In the sequence of world-famous puzzles, my Missing Chinaman puzzle, which made its appearance in 1896, next caught the popular fancy. Many readers undoubtedly will greet this puzzle, which is reproduced at the top of page 24, as an old friend. Those who are not familiar with it, I am sure, will be repaid if they cut it out of the magazine according to directions and attempt its solution.

I introduced this puzzle primarily as an advertising novelty. My first large customer was Carl Laemmle, now a well-known motion-picture producer, then manager of a department store in the Middle West. Among others who used the puzzle for advertising purposes was the campaign manager for William Mc-Kinley in the latter's race for the presidency against William Jennings Bryan in 1896. A million of these puzzles were distributed that year in the interest of the Republican candidate.

I MAY interest movie fans to know that when I showed this puzzle to Mary Pickford a few years ago, this sharp-witted little lady, who, like her husband, Douglas Fairbanks, is a good puzzler, after a period of concentration on the shifting circle, proved herself a better solver than untold thousands of other puzzlers by correctly answering the question, "Which man disappears?" Her reply to the puzzle's secondary query, "Where does he go?" proved to be too complex for mental assimilation by any member of her gallery. See how well you can do with this puzzle.

Another puzzle that attracted wide attention, which I first brought out in 1900, is that of the Three Houses and Three Wells. You'll find this puzzle on page 24. I unhesitatingly nominate this as my "best puzzle," on the score of in-

genuity and its interest appeal to puzzlers. It seems to enjoy perennial popularity. Notwithstanding that it has a perfectly fair answer which I have published repeatedly, seldom a day passes without somebody writing to ask if it can really be done. These requests have come from all parts of the world, and for years I have kept the solution in printed form to take care of the numerous inquiries.

THE Clock Dial puzzle, which is repro-duced on page 24 is another whose popularity has never waned. Requests for the solution have reached me almost daily since I introduced it in 1909. See whether you can work it out.

The arrangement of numbers in the form of squares so that they will add up to the same total in every column and row as well as in the two diagonals is without doubt the oldest of all mathematical puzzles. "Magic Squares," as these arrangements are called, were held in veneration by the Egyptians, who imputed to them real magical power, and to this day Chinese and Korean soldiers carry charms in the form of magic squares to protect their lives. An interesting puzzle based on the magic square principle is presented on page 24.

It is astonishing and amusing how frequently this puzzle is rediscovered by modern mathematicians. Scores of times this old puzzle has been offered to me for explcitation by sincere persons, who happen to be several thousand years late with their inspiration.

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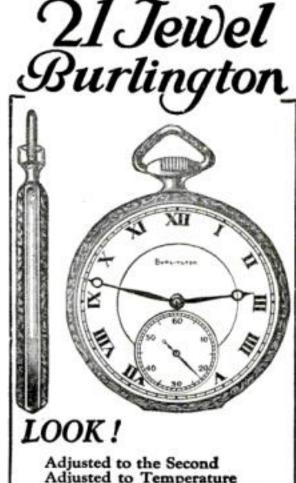
How Old Is Ann?

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How old is Ann?

Can you figure it out? It's really not so complicated as it sounds—if you go at it quietly and unhurriedly. Anyway, I am going to give you the answer, and the solutions to the other puzzles I have presented here, and tell you some more about puzzling, in the next issue of Popular Science Monthly.

This is the first of two intriguing articles in which Sam Loyd relates the experiences of a lifetime of "puzzling," and presents for solution the puzzles which he regards as his best. The second will appear in our June issue.



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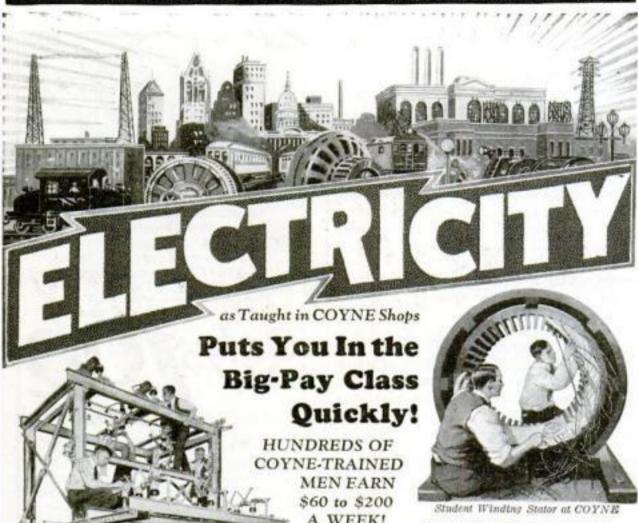
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G. H. BENNETT

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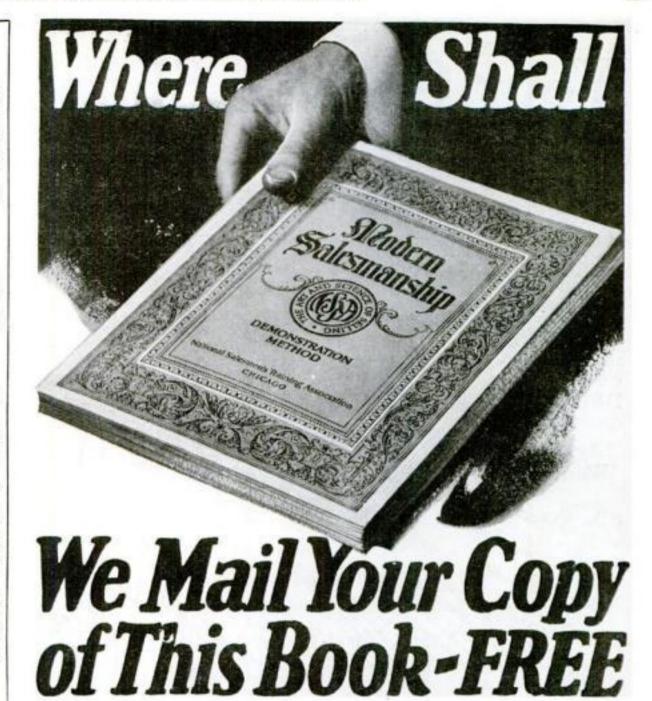
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Some of the advertisements in your Money-Making Opportunities Department of POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY have been of special interest to me. This is not so much because I have made money by them myself, as because I have enabled others to do so. This seems to be the ironical lot of the teacher to tell others how to make money. Isn't it true!

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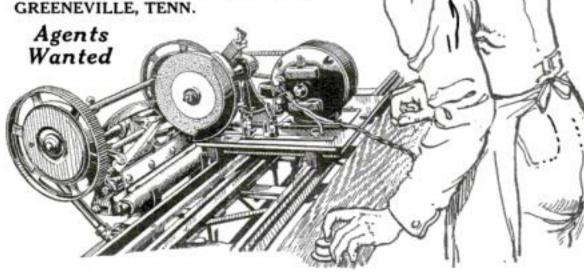
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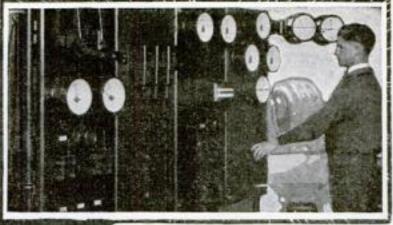
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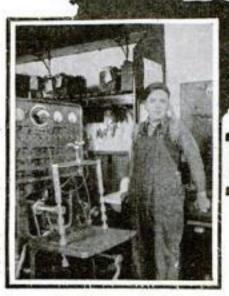
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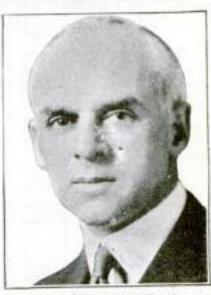
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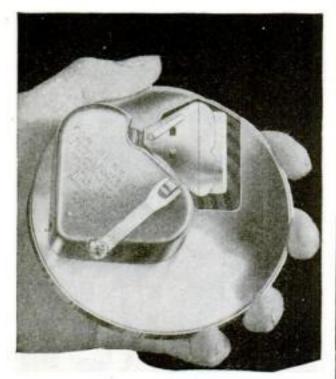
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wall is a more difficult and arduous task. Most floors that have been subject to wear for twenty or more years usually need renewal. They are probably of single thickness. The wide oak boards of the antique house show knotty high points, cracks and warping. Later floors are open-jointed and splintery. Whatever it be, the old surface may be left for a subfloor. After nailing down loose board edges and removing excessive irregularities, cover with one or two layers of building paper, and apply new flooring, preferably quartersawed stock in narrow widths of oak, maple or yellow pine. Then you will have a substantial, warm and creakless floor that will last many

UR ancestors built their ceilings low because with the inadequate heating system of log fires they had to conserve warmth. To increase the height of first floor ceilings, we may raise the house above its foundations and lower the floor. If the foundations are high, the floor may be let down without jacking up the building, and the cellar can be deepened to make up for the loss. The floor joists that are lowered may be attached to the walls with metal hangers or they can rest on a masonry edge added to the foundations. With this method there may be some exposure of foundation walls within the living quarters, but these may be covered with trim and regarded as a baseboard, or enough material may be added to the upper part of the interior wall to equalize the difference. On the outside, the exterior house covering may be extended to cover the section of foundation used as upper wall.

F the ceilings of both first and second I floors are to be lifted, perhaps enough space can be taken from the attic; which, of course, will give angled ceilings to the second floor. Another method is to raise or extend the roof upward. The illustration at the top of page 29 shows how a new roof can be built over an old one while the family continues to live in the house. It is a novel scheme, original with the owner, W. Williams, and seems to be a good one, for besides affording shelter to the occupants it protects the interior during the remodeling period. In a dry season or climate, the job could be done more quickly and economically by demolishing the old roof first.

Sometimes a spacious ceiling for a living room is obtained by sacrificing the part of the second floor immediately above. Almost any height can be realized in this manner. While a very high ceiling always looks well and affords airy coolness in summer, it may not be a good thing in winter from the heating standpoint. I know of a case where the living room reaches the total interior height of the dwelling. It is handsome enough, but almost unusable in winter.

More windows or larger ones are needed by houses according to their antiquity. For this job, we should first obtain the new window frames and figure the space they will occupy (Continued on page 126)



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plus doubled two by fours on every side. Of course at least one of the wall studs already in place will represent part of the frame support. Mark the indicated area on the wall and saw out the material. A neighbor of mine used this method successfully. When he came to nails he used a hacksaw. This operation naturally applies to wooden construction. Putting new windows in a stone or brick house verges on engineering.

TO make a few good-sized rooms out of several cubby-holes presents no difficulty unless partitions which support structural weight must be shifted.

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FROM his description I could picture this Leviathan-of-the-air at a not far distant time sailing high over the sea as a commercial ship, speeding past the swiftest of ocean liners below, carrying passengers in luxury from New York to London in two days, and making the round trip to Europe and back in a week or ten days.

I could visualize this same gigantic air liner on a world cruise, picking up fuel and supplies from a mother ship in the Philippines, or tying up to a mooring mast somewhere in Europe.

And when I left America's Zeppelin plant, with its busy group of skilled and determined men, it was with a feeling of renewed confidence in the future of ships that are lighter than air. Perhaps it is much the same feeling that is back of the discussion in Congress of an appropriation for two 6,000,000-cubic-foot dreadnaughts of the air to replace the Shenandoah, or that has induced a Detroit aircraft concern to plan an all-metal airship more than twice the size of the Shenandoah, to be fireproof and weatherproof.

ROM the navy plans of the huge aerial I dreadnaughts, we can picture them bristling with guns to repel attacks of airplanes. According to the description given by Rear-Admiral Moffett, navy air chief, each would be armed with twentyfive machine guns and with 9700 rounds of ammunition. They would have no armor, but would rely on the non-inflammability of helium gas for protection from bullets fired from the ground and from airplanes.

Their machine guns would be so situated, says the Admiral, that an enemy aircraft could not approach from any direction or angle without receiving a

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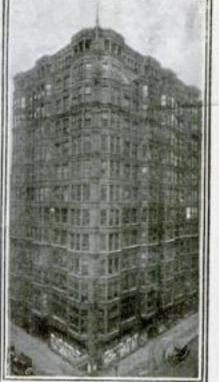
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excludes the sport from the list of exact sciences, it is significant that one breeder. John E. Madden, a close student of heredity, produces at his breeding farm. Hamburg Place, Ky., the greatest list of money-winners with amazing regularity, year after year.

Still no man, not even Madden, can be certain when he has a champion on his hands; no man can be certain that his champion of today will be a champion a week hence. And so it is that race horses receive care such as a loving mother lavishes on her first-born. The delicate racing thoroughbred requires coddling, petting, and absolute regularity in feeding, exercise and grooming.

CCORDINGLY, the typical racing A stable is a large, complex and expensive establishment. There is in charge the trainer. He may be an employee or he may be the owner of the horses in his charge. Depending upon the size of his "string," the trainer will have assistants foremen, stable hands, exercise boys, a cook, for each big stable feeds its personnel, and, of course, jockeys.

The day for horses and their attendants begins with dawn. In charge of exercise boys, the horses are taken to the track. This horse requires a long conditioning gallop; that one a brisk workout of a half mile; another a swift run of a longer distance. Scarcely any two horses are alike in their training requirements. Some will do their best only for certain exercise boys. Some are sluggish, others lively; some mean-tempered, others staid and gentle. It is up to the trainer to know the peculiarities of his various charges and to conduct their training accordingly. And that training starts long before they get to the race track—when they leave the sales ring.

ROM the ring the young horses go to pasture, where they romp about until the fall. Then their education begins; a process difficult and tedious for their trainers, for these young animals are delicate, sensitive and highstrung, and easily can be harmed irreparably. It is often a real job, for example, to teach them to remain alone in a box stall. They are frightened by their new environment, and frequently refuse to eat. Gradually, though, they become accustomed to their change of circumstances. Then is begun the "breaking" process.

The first step is to accustom them to bit and bridle. After this, an exercise boy mounts them bareback. A couple of muscular stable hands act as assistants in this lesson, for these young aristocrats of horsedom can put up an exhibition of kicking and bucking that would do credit to a rodeo. Eventually, though, the youngsters are walking peacefully about.

Then they are saddled for the first time. There are further objections from the young horses, but again the patience and kindness of the trainer prevail. Walking exercise is the next step, usually in the company of an older, placid horse whose example has a steadying effect.

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trainer, it is taught to "jog," then to canter, always with a well-trained older horse as a model, and in time it is ready for advanced studies at the starting barrier. This is a mechanical contrivance, developed in Australia—a strip of fabric that stretches across the width of the track and is sprung upward when the starter presses a button. The barrier is used at all race courses in America, and a horse's ability to "break" the instant it rises is of prime importance; for race horses attain top speed almost in their first stride.

"Schooling" at the barrier is conducted each morning by the official starter. It is a task that would try the patience of Job. In time, though, the young horses learn to stand reasonably quiet behind the barrier while it is down and to leap forward when it is "sprung."

THROUGH this period the youngsters are given slow "workouts" for "conditioning" purposes; that is, for the development of muscle and strength. No effort is made to test their speed, and meanwhile their owners and trainers do not know whether they are embryo champions or just good saddle horses.

When the young horse has learned the various gaits and has developed sufficient strength, he is given a speed trial. First, he is sent an eighth of a mile, or a "furlong," as the distance is usually called at the track, at top speed. If he can cover this distance in about twelve seconds, a quarter of a mile in about twenty-five seconds and a half mile in about fifty, he will "do," and his education is continued in the finer points of racing technic.

After the second January following his birth, the young horse is accounted a twoyear-old, and if sufficiently "schooled," he is sent to the races.

Young horses making their debut ordinarily run half mile races at first. Later they run four and a half furlongs. Between May and October the standard distances for two-year-olds are five and five and a half furlongs, and occasionally six furlongs. In the late fall, when they are "seasoned," they compete in races of seven furlongs and a mile. In their second season of racing, as three-year-olds, they race against older horses and at all distances.

HORSES are handicapped by making the better horses carry heavier weights in their races. These are made up of the weight of the jockey and of lead pads placed beneath the saddle cloths.

If, after the long training period, there could be any certainty of performance, the breeding of race horses might be something of an exact science. But, as an exact science, it would lose much of its glamor, much of its appeal.

Any trainer will tell you that because a colt has shown dizzy flights of speed in trial gallops is no guarantee that he is destined for greatness in actual racing. Horses are not machines, but, like men, are subject to moods and caprices. Some horses are "front runners," and turn in their best races when leading (Continued on page 132)



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the field from start to finish. Others are fleet but faint-hearted; they will get off like lightning, but quit to a walk when challenged by another racer.

Inconsistency of horses, and sometimes shocking "form reversals," attend every operation with the racing thoroughbred. A conspicuous example is that of the noted Morvich, winner of the Kentucky Derby in 1922.

THIS colt won his first race at Jamaica, N. Y., at odds of 40 to 1. He won his next start and his next and his next, all in hollow style. He took first place in every start he made that year. The next year, as a three-year-old, he romped to victory in the Kentucky Derby, and netted his owner, Benjamin Block,

And then, just when the wise men of the turf were ready to place the seal of greatness on Morvich, the colt's career on the track came to an abrupt end. He was ingloriously defeated in every start he made. So his owner retired him to the stud farm. As an investment Morvich paid generously, for he won \$172,509 during his career. To his owner, though, and to race-goers generally, he was a disappointment, a bursted bubble.

Or consider the case of Zev, Harry S. Sinclair's remarkable colt, whose winnings of \$313,639 in three years of racing broke all records for earnings by an American horse. Victor in the famous Kentucky Derby, in the international match race with the English Derby winner Papyrus, and in several of the richest American stake races, Zev seemed one horse that had earned the title "great."

Yet at the summit of his career, Zev developed cunning, became lazy and capricious. He had lost none of his amazing speed, but no jockey, no efforts of his trainer, could make him extend himself unless he wished. So he was withdrawn from racing.

Consider, also, that greatest of all American racers, Samuel D. Riddle's wonder horse, Man-o'-War. This marvelous performer stood in relation to the other horses of his time-perhaps to all other horses of history-as a diamond to a handful of pebbles. Yet once in his twenty-one starts he was beaten, unexpectedly and unexplainably, by a horse that oddly enough was called Upset.

THE hope of every man who races horses, professionally or as a hobby, is to possess himself of an animal that has the balance in speed, courage, endurance, action, health and temper that racing men call "class"-qualities that enable him to do anything his trainer asks of him; to run on wet tracks or dry, in sprints or long races, to carry weight, to withstand shipping from track to track, climatic changes; a horse, in short, for whom, winner or loser, no excuses have to be made.

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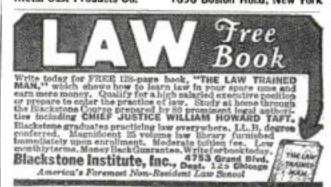
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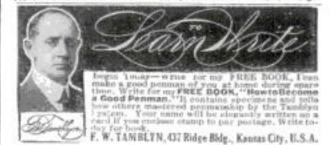
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Ernest's feet, trying to turn him over the third time before the flier hit the net. But Ernest's head was twisted just a little to one side as it met knotted ropes.

He died three days later.

Within a week of Lane's death in Chicago, another flier, Jack Ernest, who also trained in Eddie Ward's Bloomington barn, died in Rio de Janeiro. Jack was trying a two-and-one-half forward somersault. The particular danger in this trick is that the flier is revolving face forward and if he misses his catcher's hands is apt to meet the net that way. Jack missed his catcher's hands and died from a broken back.

'VE had a good many of them in the hospital from time to time," says Eddie, "but those are the only two fliers I ever lost.

I've never been able to find out just why fliers continue to flirt with gravity when they could earn almost as much money doing less dangerous and more easily mastered acts. It takes four years to make a flier. Eddie has some one on the injured list nearly all the time. Yet his Bloomington school for fliers never lacks applicants. He always has a waiting list. Perhaps it is because he has a way

of making stars out of them.

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"Why do you do that fancy trick?" I asked Bert at Schenectady, N. Y., last summer. "It will get you sometime."

BERT looked at his chief, as the two sat on their dressing-room trunks. "Why do I do it?" he asked the veteran. "Why does a man want to be president of the United States?" Eddie countered. "I was in the 1918 railroad wreck near Gary that killed my sister and another girl in our company and jammed up every one else in the act. I've hung head downward longer than any man on earth. I

"I don't have to dress in tights and do stunts for the towners twice a day in all kinds of weather. I don't have to put a level and tape lines on my riggings to be sure they are hanging straight. I don't have to figure on gravity day in and day out. I don't have to do a lot of things that are difficult, dangerous, and some-

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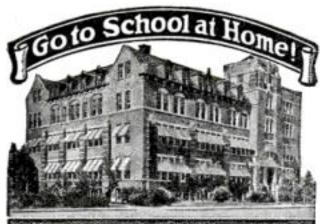
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Moths Cost Us Millions

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out-of-doors in the hot sunshine for a day or two, if possible, before putting them away. If it will not hurt the material, press it with a very hot iron, using a wet towel on the goods. Soaking goods in boiling hot water for half a minute likewise will destroy moth eggs, and washing in a strong soap solution is effective.

OR safe storage, cedar chests and cedar-lined closets are effective if they are kept shut tight. Open them only to put in and remove clothing. While the aroma of cedar kills the young worms, a cedar chest will not kill the millers or half-grown worms that are already in the clothing when it is stored away.

The simplest precaution is to store your clothing in air-tight containers. Paper bags will do if you make sure that they are sealed tight and there are no tears, or protruding hangers, in them.

Wrapping in several thicknesses of newspapers is also effective. Plain paper does as well. Or, pack your clothes in pasteboard suit boxes and seal them.

When your clothes become old, give them away. Every garment, especially if made of wool, hung on a hook at the back of the closet, is a fine home for moths.

While you are giving things away, you might as well include the old stuffed furniture stored in the attic. One piece of it will furnish lodging for a thousand moths which, later, may explore more interesting regions downstairs. Look out for the furniture that is in use, too.

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Cold storage will prevent moths from attacking furs, but you can care for furs at home if you will brush, beat and air them thoroughly once every two or three weeks during the summer.

Naphthalene in the form of moth balls or flakes will kill moths in all stages, but only if packed with clothes in a tight container. In a chest or trunk, allow one pound of naphthalene for ten cubic feet of space. Gum camphor fumes are destructive to moths, also only when confined in an air-tight container.

Should you discover a closet or room infested with moths, the best thing to do is to fumigate it with carbon disulphide or carbon tetrachloride, both colorless liquids which produce gases. Set a cupful of either liquid in a shallow pan on a shelf of the closet, shut the door, seal the cracks with paper tape, and leave it over night. Carbon disulphide is the more powerful chemical, but it is inflammable. Carbon tetrachloride is not inflammable.

Many methods formerly used for destroying clothes moths are useless, experiments have shown. Lavender flowers, pepper, powdered borax, salt, cedar chips, tobacco powder, and powdered sulphur are among the time-honored moth chasers that do no real good. While you are about it, you may as well use preventives that are known to work.

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He Lived Two Great Lives

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"Well now, sir, I have tried you long enough. Now you have learned it is not numerous drawings, but the character of one that makes a thorough draftsman. Finish one picture, sir, and you are a painter!"

It was with this fatherly advice in mind that Morse, on the day after the Sully arrived in New York in 1832, began at middle age his new career, and undertook the task of perfecting the first model of his telegraph.

HE WENT directly to the home of his brother, and there, melting lead at the fireplace in the front parlor, proceeded to spill the molten metal on the rugs and chairs, much to the consternation of his brother's wife. Next he moved to a little garret room on the fifth floor above a newspaper office run by his two brothers at Nassau and Beekman streets. This room served as his living room, kitchen, bedroom and workshop. On one side of the room was his small cot; on the other side a lathe on which he turned brass apparatus used in building his instruments.

Here he toiled feverishly and incessantly. Here was repeated the old story of inventive genius contending with poverty. His funds had been exhausted in Europe. He was compelled to live on the plainest of foods prepared with his own hands. To support himself, he had to fall back on his paintbrush and to earn his bread by giving lessons in art.

His friends called him "visionary"; others called him a "mad prophet." His hands were little accustomed to the mechanical labor which he was undertaking. No electrical apparatus was available for his use; all of it he had to make himself. He whittled models for his apparatus from wood; then from the models made molds and castings.

In designing his "recording telegraph," his problem was to utilize the simple up and down motion of opening and closing an electric circuit to write an intelligible message at one end of the wire and at the same time record it at the other.

IIS solution was ingeniously simple. H First, by means of clockwork, he caused a ribbon of paper to move horizontally beneath a pencil. The pencil moved up and down. When it touched the paper it made either a dot or a dash, according to the length of time it remained there. When lifted from the paper, it left a blank. Each of the various combinations of dots, dashes, and blanks represented a letter. The movements of the pencil were produced by an electromagnet actuated by a type rule or key which opened and closed the electric circuit according to the combination of dots and dashes desired.

Three years after the inception of his idea aboard the Sully the first rude telegraph apparatus was completed. Its birthplace was in the University of the City of New York, where Morse had been called as professor of arts and design.

It worked! At the university, in 1837, Morse demon-(Continued on page 136)

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strated his invention to an astonished group of scientists, transmitting telegraphic signs through 1700 feet of wire strung back and forth across the room. The same year he applied for a patent at Washington for the "American Electromagnetic Telegraph." Another year brought the first public demonstration and the successful transmission, over ten miles of wire, of the first sentence ever recorded by telegraph:

"Attention, the Universe! By king-

doms, right wheel!

TO MORSE, it seemed as if the final triumph for his labors must be just ahead. He had added a number of important improvements to his apparatus. He had invented the electric relay, one of the most brilliant of all his achievements, which made possible transmission through infinitely great distances.

In his code, he had replaced the original numbers with letters of the alphabet. And, not the least important, he had enlisted the interest and financial support of a young student in the university, Alfred Vail, the grandfather of the late Theodore N. Vail, founder of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company.

With high hopes, he was encouraged to go to Washington to ask the support of Congress for the construction of the first telegraph line. There, in the Capitol, he set up his apparatus and demonstrated it before President Van Buren and his cabinet, members of Congress, foreign ministers, and men of science. And finally he submitted a memorial to Congress for an appropriation of \$30,000 to establish an experimental telegraph line.

THIS done, he hurried to Europe to ▲ obtain foreign patents, leaving his American affairs in the hands of friends and supporters. In England his mission failed, but in France his invention created a sensation. There he was honored by foremost scientists of the day.

Returning in 1839, he was full of confidence that his own country would support him with equal enthusiasm. But he had not figured on the apathy of his public, of Congress, and even of his friends.

No sooner had he landed in New York than he found all his hopes dashed to the ground. In two years Congress had failed to act. His friends were scattered.

He found himself stranded in New York without a cent, compelled to borrow money even for a meal. Plunged to the depths of disappointment and want, he turned again to his easel and his brush for a living. Again he became a teacher of art.

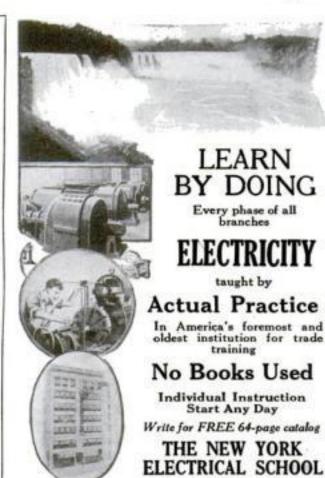
One day, to a pupil whose quarterly payment for instruction was past due, Morse remarked:

"Well, my boy, how are we off for money?"

"Professor, I'm sorry I have been disappointed," the pupil replied, "but I "Next week!" Morse exclaimed. "I

shall be dead by that time!"

"Dead, sir?" (Continued on page 137)







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"Yes, dead, by starvation."

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The youth paid the ten collars, the last he had, and they dined together. When the meal was ended, Morse said:

"This is my first meal in twenty-four hours. My boy, don't be an artist. It means beggary. A dog lives better.

In a final desperate effort to arouse public interest, Morse planned the first public demonstration of a submarine telegraph. He announced that he would string a line under water between Castle Garden in New York and Governor's Island, and that on a certain day the public could witness the exchange of messages. Doubters were invited to attend the demonstration.

THE night before the test, Morse hired a rowboat and laid the cable himself. Early the next morning a crowd assembled at the Battery to witness the new wonder.

Morse, at his instrument, exchanged a few signals with his associate at the other end on Governor's Island, when suddenly the line went dead.

Looking out over the water, he quickly saw what the trouble was. Above the cable during the night a number of vessels had anchored. One of them, in raising anchor, had pulled up the cable with it. The mystified sailors, after hauling aboard 200 feet of the wire and finding no end to it, had cut it off and sailed away. The crowd on shore jeered.

But still he refused to be beaten. As a last hope, he appealed to his associates for funds to go to Washington again for government aid. For reply, he received good wishes and nothing more.

Notwithstanding, Morse went to Washington. How he did so is not recorded, but again he placed his invention in the Capitol. Day after day he stood there explaining, sometimes almost tearfully, its mysteries to indifferent congressmen. Some believed in him. Others scoffed.

THE appropriation bill of \$30,000 for the telegraph was introduced. But the weeks dragged by, and no action was taken. And then happened one of those strange miracles which time and again have come to reward inventors who have refused to quit. In the closing hours of the session, at the moment when all hope had gone glimmering, the appropriation passed both houses of Congress!

Morse, who now had less than a dollar in his pocket, was selected to superintend the construction of a forty-mile telegraph line connecting Washington and Baltimore. Within the year the line of poles and wires was completed.

May 24, 1844, was the day for the test of the experiment on which Morse had labored for twelve years. Seated at his instrument, surrounded by high government officials, the inventor flashed to Vail in Baltimore the famous message:

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The Army and Your Boy

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the example of his comrades, he entered into the life of the camp with zest. He left camp a remade man, and when the camp opened last year he was almost the first one to enroll. In one short year he had accomplished more than he had in the rest of his life, for he was making a conspicuous success as a salesman and was almost ready to embark in business for himself. To him his first sojourn in a summer camp was the turning point in his life.

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THE citizens' military training camps offer four courses of instruction—the basic, or first year, course, for which no military experience is required, and then the Red, White and Blue courses, which give graduates of the basic course progressive training for the various arms of the military service. A candidate who completes the Blue course may be commissioned a second lieutenant in the officers' reserve corps.

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Let's take a swift glance at a typical

day in a "basic" camp.

The bugle turns you out at a quarter of six in the cool of summer morning. Dressing, shaving; and tidying up quarters fill in the half hour until breakfast. And a good breakfast it is, for the War Department, realizing that growing youngsters who are getting lots of exercise and fresh air need plenty of good food, allows the camp authorities seventy cents a day for your rations, which is more than the regulars get. After breakfast, tents and company streets are put in apple-pie order for inspection.

T HALF past seven, the real work of A the day starts with a close-order infantry drill that lasts for three quarters of an hour. Close-order drill does more than teach you to get from here to there in certain formations. It teaches you how to manage hands and feet and head, and how to obey promptly without stopping to argue about it. A perfectly performed "squads right" may bring a thrill to the heart of no one but a drill sergeant, but it's a lesson in teamwork. And teamwork is as valuable out of the army

There is a ten minute rest after the drill, then a lecture for three quarters of an hour on citizenship. Next come twenty minutes of snappy calisthenics, after which you're content to sit down and listen to a lecture on hygiene. This is followed by a talk on military tactics—and then it's time for another meal.

WO hours of every afternoon are set ▲ aside for sports. You are encouraged to bring your baseball, tennis, and swimming equipment to camp, for you must play some game. You may pick your own sport, but if you have no favorite you must take part in group games. All the camps have facilities for swimming, which is carefully supervised. The men always swim in pairs, so that no one ever is alone in deep water. More teamwork! Sport contests between companies arouse tremendous rivalry.

Rifle shooting is a military exercise that has much recreational value. Americans like to shoot, and every American is confident that he has an inborn ability for handling a rifle. Sometimes this confidence disappears after a half hour on the rifle range, but many of the candidates make remarkably good scores.

After the period for athletics comes the "high hat" event of the camp dayretreat. The companies drawn up on the parade ground present arms while the band plays the "Star Spangled Banner" and the flag flutters slowly down the staff.

Then it's time for another meal. Your evenings are your own, provided you are back in camp by half past nine. Musical instruments are encouraged, and song is a universal habit. Taps sounds at ten o'clock, but there are usually few awake to hear the last call's long-drawn

After a month of that sort of life, a fellow has just got to feel fit!

THE United States is divided for military purposes into nine corps areas. Each of these areas will have its citizens' military training camps this summer. Their dates for opening vary slightly, but most of the camps will be held in August. Forty-four camps, scattered from the Canadian to the Mexican border and from the Atlantic to the Pacific, will receive the 35,000 young Americans who will benefit from a month of healthful outdoor life under expert supervision.

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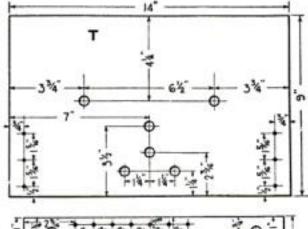
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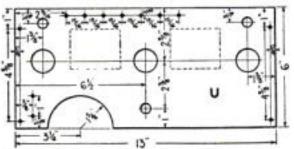
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No. 5 to No. 4 and continue it around past binding post No. 2 and filament switch S, and connect the end of it to the rotary plate terminal of condenser D. Run branches from this wire to binding post No. 2, the upper end of coil A, the lower end of coil B, and one terminal of filament switch S. Now run a wire from the remaining terminal of filament switch S to one filament terminal of each of the





Figs. 5 and 6. Front panel and sub-panel layouts. It might be necessary to alter arrangements somewhat to suit the parts you use

sockets L, M, and N. It makes no difference which filament terminal you choose. Connect one end of coil C to this wire at the nearest point.

Connect binding post No. 3 with No. 8 and run branches from this wire to one terminal of each of the rheostats H, J, and K. Then connect the remaining terminal of each rheostat to the remaining filament terminal of the socket nearest to it. Note that the center socket M is connected to rheostat J, which is mounted on the front panel T.

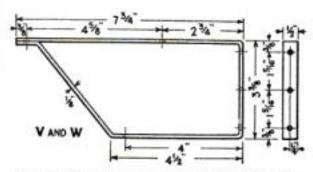


Fig. 7. The sub-panel brackets. This design is correct for vertical panel mountings. If you build your set with a sloping-panel cabinet, you will have to bend the brackets to correct shape

You have now completed the filament wiring, and it would be a good idea at this point to insert the tubes in the sockets, connect up the A battery and see if the filament switch S and the rheostats II, J, and K all work properly.

Next connect the top end of coil B with the terminal on the stationary plates of variable condenser D and run a branch from this wire to the nearest terminals of grid condenser E and grid leak G. The other two terminals of condenser E and grid leak G should be connected together and to the grid (Continued on page 140)

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binding post of socket M. Now connect the P binding post of socket M with one terminal of fixed condenser F and the P terminal of audio transformer O. Connect the remaining terminals of condenser F and coil C together.

The B plus terminal of transformer O should be connected to binding post No. 6, and the G terminal of the transformer should be wired to the G binding post of socket L.

Now connect the P binding post of socket L to the upper lug of jack Q; the

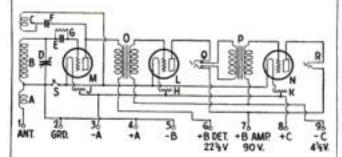


Fig. 8. Theoretical wiring diagram. You will find pictorial wiring diagram on page 61

second lug on this jack with the P terminal of transformer P; and the third lug with the B plus terminal of the same transformer. Run a wire from the bottom lug of jack Q to the bottom lug of jack R and continue it over to binding post No. 7.

Next connect the G terminal of transformer P with the grid binding post of socket N and connect the plate binding post of this same socket to the remaining terminal of jack R.

Complete the wiring by connecting the F minus terminals of transformers O and P together and run a branch from this wire to binding post No. 9.

THERE are two good ways to fasten the receiver into the cabinet. You can drill holes in each corner of the front panel T, using wood screws, or you can bolt the receiver into the cabinet by drilling holes through the bottom of the cabinet and the lower arm of each of the sub-panel brackets V and W. The latter method was used on the prize set and is excellent because it eliminates the extra screws on the front of the panel. It can be done conveniently only if there is sufficient space inside the cabinet at each end so that you can use a screw driver.

To put the receiver into operation, connect up the antenna and batteries as shown. Turn on filament switch S and adjust rheostats H, J, and K until the tubes glow dimly. The dial should be mounted on the shaft of condenser D so that it reads 100 when the plates are fully engaged. Turn the dial on the shaft of coil C until a click accompanied by a slight hissing noise is heard. Then turn it back until the noise stops and turn the dial on condenser D until you hear the broadcasting from some station. Immediately stop turning the dial and adjust all the rheostats to the lowest glow in the tubes that will give you full signal strength. Readjust both dials until the signal is as loud and clear as possible. You must be absolutely sure that you always operate (Continued on page 141)

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The best antenna for use with this set is a single wire about 100 feet long and as high as possible. If you are located where an antenna of this length is impossible, use the longest antenna your local conditions will permit; and then if the broadcasting seems weak or the receiver tunes too sharply, increase the number of turns in coil A until you strike the right balance between selectivity and ability to bring in stations with volume.

If you run into any difficulties either in the construction of the set or in getting it to operate properly, first check up your wiring very carefully, then make sure that your batteries and tubes are good. Then, if you are still unable to locate the trouble, write to the Radio Editor of POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY, and be sure to state your troubles as fully as possible.

Power for the Holy Land

AMONG many schemes for the development of Palestine is one for utilizing the Dead Sea, which is about 1300 feet below sea level, as a source of water power. The plan, while startling, is not theoretically impossible, it is claimed by its proponents. If, it is argued, power can be obtained from water running down to the ocean, it could likewise be taken from water coming in from the ocean, if there is a lower basin to receive it and an outlet for the surplus.

The Dead Sea provides the basin, and the sun which drinks up the River Jordan as fast as water runs in, engineers say, would draw up enough water from the Dead Sea to prevent a possible overflow. This scheme would provide over 600,000 horsepower for the electrification of the Holy Land.

A Monkey Experiment

MONKEYS in cages are generally saucy, ill-mannered beasts. Professor Pfungst, of the Berlin Physiological Society, thought that this was due, perhaps, to association, and determined to raise a monkey without any monkey companions. The monkey was well-mannered from birth. For four years he saw practically no other creatures except man. He could not bear being shouted at or stared at. He yawned when angry. He never laughed nor cried.

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Proper Food Lessens Disease

THE connection which exists between a faulty diet and disease is well illustrated by the Arabs, Dr. Hindhede, the best-known food expert in Denmark, declares. The Arabs in the desert live largely on figs, dates, vegetables and a little milk. Meat is eaten rarely.

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be sure that the brake and clutch pedals work easy. It doesn't make much difference whether Grace can reach the pedals or not. You can fix that by putting a cushion behind her back. In fact, it would be better to pick a car with plenty of leg room so you won't feel cramped on long drives."

"What's the dope on overhead valves, uncle? Are they really much better?"

THEORETICALLY they are—all ■ the racing cars use them," replied Gus. "But in a car for ordinary use I can't see that there's much advantage. They may result in a slight saving of gasoline as compared with the ordinary valves that are placed in a pocket beside the cylinder head. Also, with overhead valves, you can take the cylinder head off and remove it to a warm place in the cellar when you want to grind the valves instead of working in a cold garage. On the other hand, overhead valves usually are noisier, and as there are more parts in the valve mechanism, there is more to replace when things begin to wear."

"Humph!" exclaimed Henry. "It sure is a hard job to pin you down to a definite opinion as to what is really the best!"

Gus smiled.

"For the darn good reason, son, that there isn't any such thing as best. The fact that there are so many different ways in which gasoline motors are made shows that the designers can't agree. Whenever there are two ways to make a piece of machinery, there are always good arguments for either way, and you'll have to decide for yourself which of these ways fits in best with your way of doing things."

"Do you think a car with four-wheel brakes is safer, uncle?" questioned Henry as he stooped down to inspect the frontwheel brakes on one of the exhibition cars,

"DON'T worry your head over fourfully. "I've fixed a powerful lot of brakes, and as far as I can see, there isn't much in this four-wheel business as compared with one real good pair of brakes on the rear wheels. Four-wheel brakes are fine in theory, but durned few of the outfits that I've looked over were working right, and on the low-priced cars I'm inclined to think that their disadvantages just about make up for their advantages."

"They say you can stop quicker with

'em," Henry argued.

"You can if they are adjusted right; but you have to be careful not to have the front-wheel brakes too tight or they might lock if you jammed on the brake pedal too hard. And if the front wheels lock, son, you are mighty likely to get into a nasty front wheel skid. Mind you, I'm not suggesting that you don't buy a car with four-wheel brakes. The point is, I wouldn't consider them a feature that would influence me to buy some particular make of car that was no better in other ways than another that did not have them."

"Those wheels look pretty solid," observed Joe as he directed their attention to a sedan equipped with disk wheels.

"Sure they're solid," grunted Gus.

"Why shouldn't they be—made of metal the way they are? As far as I can see, about the only advantage of disk wheels is that you can keep them clean easier than the wood wheel. On the other hand, you have to take your wheel off or else crawl under the car every time you want to adjust the brake bands. You can't work between the spokes as you can with wood wheels."

"But, uncle, they look so spiffy!"

urged Grace.

"AND we've just got to be stylish!"
A observed Gus sarcastically. "All
right, Henry, let her have the disk wheels
if she thinks them classy. You can take
the extra amount out of her allowance!"

"That's not fair," said Grace, pouting.

"Get your old wood wheels if you think

they're just as good."

Henry was collecting catalogs right and left. "I'm going to study these over mighty carefully when we get home," he said, as he vainly attempted to stuff another large folder in a pocket that was

already crammed full.

"That's a good idea," Gus agreed.
"While you're here, you and Grace had better sit behind the wheel of every car in your price class so as to get a line on whether there's enough leg room. Work the pedals, and see if the gear shift lever is handy. Watch out for any car that has a gear lever that slides up under the dash when you go into reverse. It'll take all the skin off your knuckles if you have to back up in a hurry.

"Suppose Joe and I leave you now for a while," Gus concluded. "We want to look over some of the accessory exhibits. We'll meet you at the door in about three quarters of an hour."

"Why can't we look over the accesso-

ries, too?" asked Henry.

"Nothing doing!" Gus ordered. "You stay away from the accessories or you'll end up by fitting that new car with more junk than it will carry. No, sir! All you need in the way of accessories—at least to start with—are front and rear bumpers, a rear vision mirror, a windshield wiper and a spare tire!"

"I DON'T want to butt in, Gus," said Joe when the young couple were out of hearing, "but it kind of seems to me that it would be a good idea if Henry bought a second-hand car. He barely knows how to drive, and Grace never even has learned how. They are bound to do a lot of rotten gear shifting, and the chances are that they will run into a lot of minor accidents the first year. And if they're going to bust things up it might better be a second-hand outfit."

"That's all true," said Gus. "At least it would be in any ordinary case. But Henry is careful and he's the kind of a bird who can't seem to take pride in anything unless it's just right. He'll take much better care of a new car than he would of an old one. Besides, if he got a second-hand car, I'm afraid the Model Garage would have to do a lot of free repair work this year!" he concluded

with a chuckle.

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Here Are Correct Answers to Questions on Page 43

- 1. The heart tends to keep time with any strong rhythm that you hear. Ordinarily one's heart beats about seventy times a minute. The rhythm of a fast march makes your heart beat a little faster, the faster heartbeat improves circulation and makes you feel more active.
- 2. Alcohol was used a good deal, also the juices of certain plants like opium. The ancient Egyptian surgeons had a way of hitting the patient on the head in just the proper place and then operating while he was unconscious from the blow.
- 3. It is water which has been turned into steam and then condensed into water again. The process leaves behind some of the impurities which cannot be turned into steam. The distilled water is therefore purer.
- 4. Many of the sun spots remain for weeks in about the same place on the sun's surface. We can see these spots move as the sun turns around on its axis.
- 5. Yes. It attracts the water just as the moon does, but less strongly, because it is so much farther away. Even the other planets have an attraction on the water and affect the tides.
- 6. Froth is made up of thousands of tiny air bubbles each one surrounded by a film of white of egg. White of egg makes a better froth than water because it is tougher than water and the films around the air bubbles in the froth do not break so easily.
- 7. When a wave rushes up the beach and breaks, the water has to run back into the ocean. Meanwhile another wave climbs on top of the water running back. On the top of the water you see a wave advancing toward the shore, underneath there is a seaward-flowing current of the water belonging to the previous wave.
- 8. First he surrounds himself with a protective coating woven like a spider web, called a cocoon. Inside this all his internal organs disappear. His body becomes a mere lump of matter in which the beginnings of the body of the butterfly appear slowly. Finally, the butterfly is complete, it pierces the cocoon and comes out. Just what produces this mysterious change inside the cocoon is still one of the great mysteries of science.
- 9. The flax stalks are placed in running water where they disintegrate so that the fiber from which linen is made can be removed. This disintegration is caused by bacteria. Without it the fiber cannot be separated from the stalk, and without the fiber, linen itself would be impossible.
- 10. When we eat more salt than we need, too much gets into our blood. This excess has to be washed away. Thirst is a sign that the body needs more water for this purpose.

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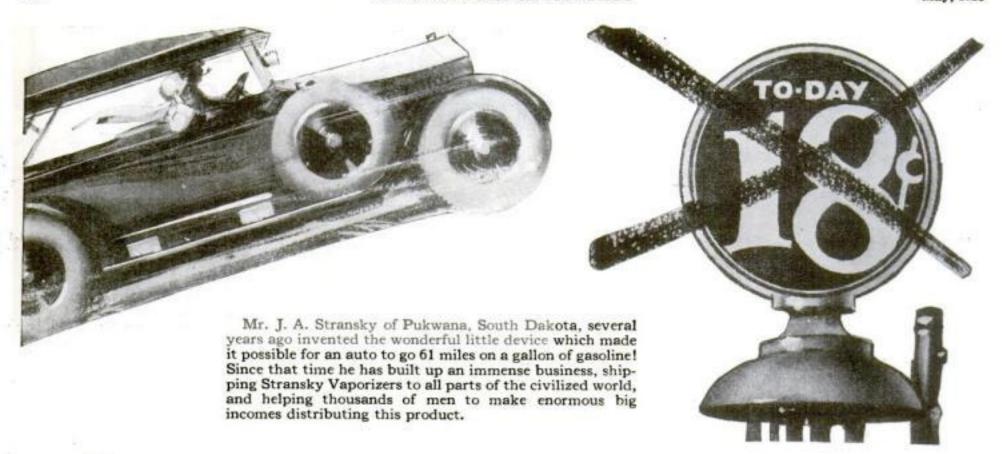
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